

## AGFUND to offer aid to Ethiopia

CAIRO (R) — Saudi Arabia's Prince Talal Ibn Abdul Aziz said Saturday members of a Gulf aid group he heads were considering immediate aid to drought victims in Ethiopia. Prince Talal, president of the Arab Gulf Fund for the United Nations Development Organisation (AGFUND), told a press conference: "We have contacted the members concerned of AGFUND to provide immediate help for Ethiopia and we hope that they will announce the amount of their contribution in the next few days." He said the aid would be in the form of food, to help an estimated six million Ethiopians facing starvation after a severe drought. Prince Talal arrived in Cairo Friday to attend the 15th congress of the Union of Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Paediatric Societies, which opened Sunday.

## Dakhgan resigns as NPC president

AMMAN (J.T.) — President of the National Planning Council (NPC) Omar Abdullah Dakhgan has resigned his post following the creation of a planning ministry after Thursday's cabinet reshuffle and the appointment of Dr. Abdullah Nsour to head it. The resignation of Mr. Dakhgan is expected to be automatically accepted by the prime minister, and Dr. Nsour will be moving into his new office at the ministry as of today, it was further learned.

## New RSS board approved

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has approved the formation of a new board of trustees for the Royal Scientific Society (RSS). The new board includes Jamal Budur (vice president for administrative affairs), Dr. Arafat Al Tamimi (advisor to the RSS's president on technical affairs), Abdullah Jaradat (vice president for technical affairs), Dr. Murad Bino (director of the industrial chemistry department — succeeding Dr. Tamimi), and Hassan Khadra (director of the mechanical engineering department — succeeding Abdullah Jaradat).

## Arab lawyers open conference

TUNIS (Petra) — An Arab lawyers conference opened here Saturday to discuss a number of current Arab issues and the Palestinian problem. Sixty Jordanian lawyers are attending the conference which marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Arab Lawyers Federation. The conference is expected to discuss ways of countering Zionism, imperialism and racial discrimination as well as basic human rights and conditions of women in the occupied Arab territories and Africa.

## N.Yemen reportedly foils coup attempt

KUWAIT (R) — A Kuwaiti newspaper said Saturday North Yemen had foiled a coup attempt and a plot to assassinate its President Ali Abdullah Saleh last month. In an uncorroborated report, Al Watan newspaper, which has close links with the Yemens, said security forces had arrested a gunman who shot at President Saleh a few days before the president visited Moscow on Oct. 9. It did not say where the shooting took place or give the gunman's identity.

## OPEC cut not enough, Iran says

TEHRAN (R) — Iran feels the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) did not go far enough last month in cutting production quotas to counter weaker prices. Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi said Saturday. He told a press conference Iran and Algeria thought the overall quota should have been slashed by 2.5 or three million barrels per day (b/d). Instead, OPEC agreed to chop 1.5 million b/d to leave a total quota of 16 million.

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## Murphy arrives in Damascus

DAMASCUS (AP) — U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy arrived here Saturday for talks with Syrian officials following a five-day visit to Israel. Diplomats in the Syrian capital, who requested anonymity, said Mr. Murphy arrived late Saturday afternoon and was to meet with Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam. The meeting has to follow Mr. Khaddam's return from New Delhi, where he attended the funeral of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. There was no word on the topics for discussion between Mr. Murphy and Mr. Khaddam, who is Syria's top expert in Lebanese affairs. But Israeli officials said Thursday after Mr. Murphy had met with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres that they expected the U.S. official to seek Syrian support for a Lebanon-Israel agreement that would prompt the withdrawal of the Israeli occupation force from southern Lebanon.

# World bids final farewell to Gandhi

NEW DELHI (Agencies) — Indira Gandhi, "Mother India" to the masses of her nation, was cremated on a pyre of sandalwood beside the holy Jamuna River Saturday, ending another chapter in India's troubled history.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi set his mother's pyre alight at 3.45 p.m., watched by 1.5 million mourners, most of them weeping when the first trickle of smoke rose into the sky.

Rajiv, faced by an explosion of anti-Sikh violence since his mother was assassinated on Wednesday, set the note for reconciliation by calling his estranged sister-in-law Maneka from the crowd to take part in the solemn ceremony.

The farewell to the woman who had ruled India for 15 of the last 18 years was marked by an almost complete absence of Sikhs along the funeral route.

Police Superintendent B. Lal, who estimated the crowd at 1.5 million, said fear had kept many people away. He told Reuters he believed 10 million people would have attended the funeral had it not been for the violence which has swept the capital since the assassination (800 reported slain in Indian violence, page 8).

Opposition leaders Saturday repeated appeals for peace, and

said in a statement that if Rajiv Gandhi did not use the army at once to crush violence, "India as a nation might sink into oblivion."

Shops, offices and schools were shut all over India Saturday to mourn the dead prime minister, and life ground to a halt in Bombay, the country's main commercial centre, where banks, commodity markets and the stock exchange closed.

The funeral march started at 12:30 p.m. when Mrs. Gandhi's body, covered by rose petals and wrapped in the national flag, was placed on a gun carriage drawn by lions of soldiers, sailors and airmen.

To the strains of Handel's "Dead march", the cortege set off on a 12-kilometre journey to Shantivana (Forest of Peace) while helicopters hovered overhead.

Slowly moving down the magnificent sweep of Rajpath (Kings Way) to the towering India Gate war memorial, the procession was watched by mourners thronging the roadsides and rooftops.

"Indira Gandhi is immortal,"

and "Long live Rajiv," the crowd chanted.

Mourners threw garlands of light-yellow marigolds at the body of their beloved leader, wrapped in the orange-white-green national flag, the bruised face exposed to view.

Men and women overwhelmed by their grief wept openly as the procession passed.

Rajiv and his wife Sonia accompanied the procession in a closed car guarded by troops and police armed with submachineguns.

The chiefs of staff of India's army, navy and air force marched alongside the caisson as symbolic pallbearers. Soldiers linked arms to hold back the crowds as the procession passed by.

Reuter correspondents reported that they saw no Sikhs among the civilians on the streets, although there were some among the military units in the procession.

The five-metre high funeral platform was placed at a site between where her father Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister, and her son Sanjay, killed in a 1980 plane crash, were also cremated.

Priests of all India's major religions — Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, Christians and Sikhs — chanted prayers at the riverside meadow where the funeral pyre was built.



The family of Mrs. Indira Gandhi stands near the funeral pyre of the assassinated Indian prime minister in New Delhi Saturday. They are (from left to

right) Rajiv Gandhi, son of Mrs. Gandhi and the new prime minister, his son Rahul, Rajiv's wife Sonia and his daughter Priyanka (AP wirephoto)

The prayer song of a Buddhist priest reverberated mournfully over the waiting crowd. Hindu priests sprinkled incense and holy water from the River Ganges on piles of sandalwood in the pyre. More than half a ton of sandalwood, which symbolises purity, was used for the cremation.

As the procession arrived at the site, Mrs. Gandhi's body was reverently borne to the pyre for the last 300 metres by six pallbearers led by Rajiv. President Zail Singh walked alongside. The platform was covered with marigolds and chrysanthemums. Mrs. Gandhi's favourite flowers.

All the members of Mrs. Gandhi's family, including her grandchildren, came forward to put

one log of sandalwood on the pyre.

Rajiv, appointed prime minister within hours of his mother's assassination Wednesday, wore a grim expression as the funeral reached its climax.

He walked seven times around the three-tiered platform with a flaming torch, touching from time to time to his mother's forehead. He then laid the torch at his mother's side and the fire began to catch. Members of the family laid sandalwood on the pyre and flames engulfed the body. Thick white smoke rose into the hazy, cloudless sky.

Immaculate in a white homespun cotton khadi, the traditional colour of mourning, Rajiv rem-

ained on the platform for nearly one hour while flames, fed by logs and more ghee thrown by helpers, rose to the sky.

Ninety-four world leaders, including British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, watched the elaborate rituals.

Twenty-five priests poured 40 kilos of ghee over the sandalwood logs, and offerings of wheat flour balls mixed with honey and fruits were made to Mrs. Gandhi's soul.

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## Shultz protests Soviet charges

NEW DELHI (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz strongly complained Saturday to Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov about Soviet media reports of American involvement in Indira Gandhi's assassination.

Mr. Shultz told reporters he made the objections in a short meeting with Mr. Tikhonov at the Soviet embassy here shortly after the funeral of the Indian leader, assassinated on Wednesday.

Asked about official Soviet media reports that the United States was involved in a plot to assassinate Mrs. Gandhi, Mr. Shultz said: "We certainly brought it up very forcefully."

Assistant Secretary of State for Europe Richard Burt later told newsmen that U.S. authorities in Washington had also objected strongly to the Soviet Union over the reports.

"We said that this kind of propaganda was totally unacceptable and put American lives in jeopardy," Mr. Burt said.

Official Soviet reports last week linked the assassination to the United States, Moscow Radio went even further, suggesting the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was involved.

Asked for Mr. Tikhonov's response to his objections, Mr. Shultz said the Soviet leader indicated that he had looked into it and the Soviet Union had no such view of the assassination.

Mr. Shultz earlier met Mrs. Gandhi's son and new Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. Mr. Shultz said he was reassured by his meeting with Rajiv Gandhi.

Asked if he believed that unrest sweeping India posed a threat to regional stability, Mr. Shultz said he would not discuss India's internal affairs.

Mr. Shultz said he thought Rajiv Gandhi and Pakistani President Zia had quite a good meeting earlier Saturday. The United States backed any move made to improve links between the two countries, Mr. Shultz said.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) reporting the meeting between Mr. Shultz and Rajiv Gandhi said the new Indian leader criticised U.S. arms sales to Pakistan.

He also expressed concern about widespread reports that Pakistan is working on producing nuclear weapons. PTI said.

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## Israeli withdrawal talks may be delayed Beirut government closes illegal, militia-run ports

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Lebanon's government Saturday asserted its authority by closing illegal militia-run ports which have been draining its coffers, but faced problems over naming a team to discuss recovering the south from Israeli occupation.

Prime Minister Rashid Karami told reporters he hoped his cabinet could meet in time to appoint a negotiating team and avoid any delay in U.N.-sponsored talks with Israel on withdrawing its troops from the south.

But, citing travel difficulties for four of his nine-man cabinet now out of the country, he said he could not rule out the possibility the talks, scheduled for Monday, may have to be postponed.

Western diplomats expect the talks, at headquarters of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in the border town of Naqura, to be long and hard.

Lebanon has to convince Israel that if it withdraws 12,000 occupation troops, the much-weakened Lebanese army is capable of securing Israel's northern border from commando attacks.

Gunmen guarded the illegal harbour at Dbyayeh 10 kilometres north of Beirut, also a mostly Christian militia-controlled region. Workers were moving out containers already landed and port director Joseph Abboud sent the three ships docked there to Beirut port.

"That was to help the government, but we're waiting to see. I'm only going to close if everybody else does. Six thousand people work here," Mr. Abboud said.

The national unity cabinet, which includes representatives of the main militias, agreed on Oct. 25 to shut down the illegal ports, which deprived the treasury of an estimated three billion Lebanese pounds (\$375 million) a year — about 40 per cent of the 1985 budget.

Another success for the government came as bulldozers Saturday completed their first full day's work extending an army-controlled neutral zone between militias in mostly Christian east Beirut and the mainly Muslim west of the capital.

For the last two days, unidentified militiamen had sniped and fired rockets to prevent the bulldozers clearing militia barricades around the refurbished former parliament building in the city centre.

Meanwhile, Lebanon's five naval patrol boats and a 1950s Hawker hunter warplane started joint patrols at dawn to stop ships docking at illegal ports along a 110-kilometre stretch of coastline, from the Israeli front lines in the south to the Syrian-controlled port of Tripoli in the north.

"We checked 11 ports and 10 of them were empty," said the colonel who oversaw the piloting of the first of a dozen ships from the illegal ports to the main Beirut port.

"There were 10 ships in Tripoli

harbour but we are still checking on their status," he said.

## Six-point plan

Meanwhile, government sources said Lebanon has requested that a new armistice agreement with Israel be drawn up to replace that of 1949 which Israel had considered cancelled. According to these sources Syria and Lebanon have both agreed on a joint strategy comprising several points on the Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon. These points are:

— No security role to be given to any party except the legitimate Lebanese army supported by U.N. forces

— Non acceptance of the principle of partitioning of the south into independent security enclaves or any zone separating the army from the U.N. forces

— Opposing any demand for simultaneous withdrawal of Israeli and Syrian forces from Lebanon

— Syria is to be committed to total support for Lebanon once the Israeli forces had been withdrawn in order to enable that country to safeguard its security and repel danger and to enable the legitimate government to extend its authority to all parts of Lebanon

As to the role of the United Nations, Lebanon will request that any negotiations with Israel should be conducted under U.N. auspices.

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## Sinn Fein says Britain will avenge Brighton blast

DUBLIN (AP) — Gerry Adams, leader of the Irish Republican Army's (IRA) political front, warned Saturday that the British will seek revenge for the guerrillas' abortive bid last month to kill Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her cabinet.

"The British government is not going to sit back and allow the situation where the cabinet was almost wiped out and not take reprisal action," Sinn Fein President Adams said in an interview as Sinn Fein opened its annual convention.

The two-day conference began amid tight security sparked by fears that pro-British Protestants from Northern Ireland may seek to avenge the Oct. 12 bombing in Brighton on England's south coast

in which four people were killed and 32 injured. Mrs. Thatcher narrowly escaped death.

Several hundred delegates were frisked by Sinn Fein security men as they entered the domed Mansion House near the Irish Republic's parliament.

The IRA is fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland and unite the Protestant-dominated province with the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic to set up an all-Ireland socialist state.

Mr. Adams, 35, who was shot three times in an assassination attempt by Protestant extremists in Belfast last March, warned that the movement was braced for British reprisals following the Brighton bombing.

## French combat jets quit Chad

PARIS (R) — All eight French combat planes sent to Chad last year to help stop a rebel offensive left the country this week as part of the current withdrawal of French forces, a Defence Ministry spokesman said Saturday.

He declined to comment on the destination of the four Mirage F-1 fighters and four Jaguar planes. They had been based in Chad since August 1983 when France sent some 3,200 troops to support President Hissene Habre against Libyan-backed rebels.

The spokesman said French transport and reconnaissance planes remained in Chad pending completion of the troop pullout.

## Israeli soldier charged with rocket attack

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — Police announced Saturday they had captured an Israeli soldier and charged him with firing an anti-tank rocket at an Arab bus last week which killed one Palestinian passenger and wounded 10. Police said the soldier acted on his own but three other soldiers were under investigation for possible involvement in the attack.

Police refused to identify the suspect until Sunday when he was to be brought before a judge. Police would seek a 15-day court order to hold him for additional investigation.

Police said the other three, including one woman soldier, could not yet be brought to court. The suspect was also accused of throwing a hand grenade into a Palestinian-owned coffeeshop in Jerusalem's Old City Sept. 22. Four people were wounded in the attack. Police said a 14-man investigating team, assisted by the secret internal security service arrested the suspect Friday in Jerusalem. He was armed with a stolen pistol.

A police spokesman said that so far police had found no link between the suspect and any right-wing or extremist political group.

"At this stage we have not found any link to any organisation." It was the most serious attack since an underground Jewish terrorist ring was discovered in April.

After the attack last Sunday police found a note beside the empty rocket launcher saying the attack was in retaliation for the killing of two Jews in the West Bank a week earlier and threatened more attacks against Palestinians.

Meanwhile, a hand grenade was thrown into the central market of Gaza City on Saturday, wounding at least one Palestinian, residents and Israeli authorities said.

Israeli military sources confirmed reports from the occupied Gaza Strip saying the attack took place at 11 a.m. (0900 GMT) in the market on the Omar Al Mukhtar street, the town's main thoroughfare.

Local residents reported six Arabs ranging in age from 16 to 62 were taken to hospital suffering from injuries. They reported a second grenade attack took place in the town on Friday in which two persons were wounded, but military sources could not confirm the report.

## Rival PLO alliances, mediators hold talks

Previous attempts at Palestinian reconciliation by South Yemen and Algeria in Aden and Algiers have apparently failed to produce an agreement that would allow the PNC to be convened.

The meetings were held after leaders of the Palestinian groups attended ceremonies marking the 30th anniversary of the Algerian uprising against France on Nov. 1.

The "national alliance" was represented at the talks by Issam Al Kadi, secretary-general of the Saiga, Ahmad Jibril, secretary-general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, and Samir Ghoshle, secretary-general of the Popular Struggle Front.

At both meetings the latest developments on the Palestinian state and efforts towards Palestinian unity were the main topics discussed, the agency said.

It gave no indication whether any progress had been made towards convening a postponed meeting of the Palestinian National Council (PNC), the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, whose chairman, Khaled Al Fahoum, was present at the talks with the "national alliance."

The "democratic alliance" was represented by Nayef Hawatmeh, secretary-general of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), Talat Yakoub, secretary-general of the Palestinian Liberation Front (PLF), Suleiman Al Najab, Palestinian Communist Party politburo member, and Omar Kaddiche, politburo member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), the Algerian agency said.

## House debates proposed laws

By Salameh B. Ne'matt  
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AMMAN — The Lower House of Parliament met Saturday to discuss a number of provisional laws some of which were referred to the House's specialised committees and endorsed other decisions by the administrative and legal committees on various issues.

During the session, the House also heard cables of thanks from His Majesty King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for the House's endorsement of Jordan's decision to resume diplomatic relations with Egypt.

In his cable the King said the decision taken by the House to endorse the step to restore the political and diplomatic relations with Egypt was "an expression of our people's belief in Arab solidarity emanating from its concern over achieving a united Arab stand."

President Mubarak, in his cable, said: "I convey to you the appreciation of the Arab people of Egypt for the blessed step Jordan has taken to support the joint Arab action."

Deputy Rizk Bataineh was the first deputy to speak at Saturday's session to clarify an issue in the internal regulations of the House. He said "some deputies are getting to the habit of expressing their reservation when discussing laws or taking decisions."

Mr. Bataineh said: "There is nothing in the House's regulations that is called 'expressing reservation'. What we have in the regulations is that deputies should specify what they want to say either by approval or opposition or to ask for an amendment."

Mr. Bataineh explained that item number 57 of the new House law issued earlier this year stipulated that the deputy can "abstain" when voting and that "there is a lot of difference between abstaining and expressing reservation."

"The deputy should not be allowed to 'express reservation' and should explain to the House the reason for his opposition, approval or abstention," Mr. Bataineh said.

He concluded by saying: "I warn my fellow deputies from falling in the trap of registering stands without explaining why — a problem from which our nation has long suffered and still is."

Deputy Mifteh Odetallah supported Mr. Bataineh's view and after presenting the issue for vote by Speaker Akef Al Fayez, the House voted in favour of adopting the word "abstain" instead of "expressing reservation."

Deputy Mohammad Abdullah asked the House to omit the words "cemetery" and "series" which were used in the previous session describing them as "indecent." In the House's last session, Deputy Riad Nawaiseh described the Administrative Committee as a "cemetery" and asked the House to allow its sessions be broadcast on television instead of broadcasting a "series of worthless programmes."

Mr. Abdullah later welcomed the three new cabinet ministers who joined the government after Thursday's cabinet reshuffle. The new ministers attended the session.

Deputy Ma'rouf Rabba', delivering a speech at the session, which was also attended by Prime Minister Ahmad Obaidat, called on rich countries in the world to extend their help to rescue the famine struck Ethiopian population.

Mr. Rabba' quoted reports Saturday that the life of one million Ethiopian people is threatened and that the whole world should move to help with whatever is possible.

Deputy Hafthi Malhees referred to a local issue and warned against forest fires in the Kingdom "that have already destroyed thousands of fruit trees as well as forest trees." Few days ago, a fire destroyed a forest area estimated at 300 dunams, "as if it was not enough that we lose agricultural lands because of housing construction projects, roads and other

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# Lebanese crisis close to solution, Syria says

BEIRUT (R) — Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Shar'a was quoted Saturday as saying he believed Lebanon's nine-year crisis was close to an end, and the Beirut government would emerge in control of the entire country.

In an interview published in the Beirut weekly An Nahar Arab and International, Mr. Shar'a said recent fighting in different parts of Lebanon was the "last gasp" of the long crisis.

Syria strongly backs the six-month-old Beirut "national unity" government which is committed to sectarian reconciliation, and Mr. Shar'a said Syria would not permit Lebanon to split up into confessional cantons.

He added that there would be no U.S. mediation to help Israel obtain security guarantees in South Lebanon before it withdrew from the region.

"No U.S. mediation on this issue, Syria has stressed that the Lebanese government itself is directly concerned in ending the Israeli occupation of the south," Mr. Shar'a said.

"Syria has clarified its insistence that the U.N. and not the U.S. should find a political settlement for the Middle East crisis," he added.

"U.S. mediation is unacceptable in Damascus although Syria has no objection to a dialogue with the United States and does not seek a confrontation with it."

Lebanon and Israel are due to start U.N.-sponsored military talks on an Israeli pullout from the south on Monday, at which Israel

will be seeking "security arrangements" in South Lebanon.

On the Middle East situation, Mr. Shar'a said a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict "seems difficult if not impossible under the present circumstances."

Asked about a possible Syrian-Israeli confrontation, he said: "Such a possibility is not excluded and the Syrian command has discussed the possibility even if it does not want it to take place."

On Lebanon's internal problems, he said: "No one will prevent the process of the Lebanese political solution from continuing, and the end will come soon, very soon."

"Political settlement of the Lebanese crisis will be achieved and it will succeed on the basis of a central state that extends its authority throughout Lebanon's territory," he added.

This appeared to indicate that Syria would eventually withdraw the 40,000 troops it has kept in Lebanon since 1976, when the Beirut government invited them in as part of an Arab deterrent force to stop sectarian warfare.

"The establishment of mini-states in Lebanon is rejected and not allowed," Mr. Shar'a added. "The centralised state is the sole path for the unity of Lebanon and the Lebanese."

"For the first time, there may be

a real chance to achieve a Lebanese political settlement. Syria is keen that no one should lose this chance."

Husseini in Syria

Meanwhile, the new speaker of Lebanon's parliament arrived in Damascus for two days of talks with Syrian leaders on efforts to help Lebanon solve its problems and on parliamentary cooperation, the official Syrian News Agency (SANA) said.

Husseini Al Husseini will hold talks with President Hafez Al Assad and Mahmoud Al Zoby, speaker of the Syrian parliament, the agency said.

It was the first visit to the Syrian capital by Mr. Husseini, a former leader of the Shi'ite Muslim Amal movement, since he was elected speaker in mid-October with Syria's approval.

He replaced Kamel Al Asaad, who had supported the non-defunct Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal accord that would have allowed Israel to police South Lebanon.

A semi-official Syrian newspaper said Saturday Israeli troops will face growing resistance in South Lebanon that could spread into Israel unless it agrees to unconditional withdrawal from the area.

The daily Al Thawra said Israel had only two choices over its 29-month occupation of South Lebanon: "Israel either must withdraw without preconditions or resign herself to more economic difficulties and the increased human tragedy that her troops experience every day in South Lebanon."



**CONDOLANCES OFFERED:** Acting Foreign Minister Taher Hikmat (centre), accompanied by Foreign Ministry Director of Protocol Tareq Madhi (left) Saturday offers condolences to Indian Ambassador to Jordan Pyare Lal Santoshi on the death of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Mr. Hikmat and Mr. Madhi also signed the book of condolences which the Indian embassy opened Thursday. Royal Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Information Minister Laila Sharaf, Com-

## U.S. alert against 'threats'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The aircraft carrier Independence has been sent into the Eastern Mediterranean Sea in response to escalating threats against U.S. facilities in Cyprus and Lebanon, the Washington Post reported in Saturday editions.

Also, the ABC Television network said Friday evening that the carrier Eisenhower has been held in the Eastern Mediterranean and other U.S. military forces put on heightened alert to deal with a possible attack.

The Post story said navy officials, whom it did not identify, acknowledged that the Independence was heading toward the region from Sicily but declined to connect its orders with threats. Navy spokesmen, according to the newspaper, said the ship would participate in a U.S.-Egyptian exercise next week.

A Pentagon press duty officer, Maj. Pete Heffer, declined to comment on the Post account.

The newspaper cited unnamed administration officials as saying the carrier was being dispatched to the region partly because of intelligence reports that anti-U.S. elements may try another attack comparable to the bombing Sept. 20 which heavily damaged the U.S. embassy annex outside Beirut.

It said that in addition to concern about another major incident in Lebanon, officials reported "a high level of anxiety" about possible attacks against the U.S. embassy in Cyprus.

ABC said at least one army commando unit was reported to have been in and out of Lebanon within the past month.

## Lebanese wounded in 5th attack in Spain this year

MADRID (R) — A gunman carrying a false Moroccan passport was arrested Saturday shortly after he shot and wounded a Lebanese citizen in a central Madrid shopping mall, police said.

It was the fifth attack on Arabs in Spain this year and police said Saturday's shooting might be linked with the other incidents.

The wounded man, Elias Joussef Assad, 44, was hit in the shoulder and leg by shots from a silenced handgun. He was taken to hospital but officials said he was not seriously hurt.

Police did not identify the attacker.

The extremist organisation Islamic Jihad (holy struggle) has claimed responsibility for the shooting death of a Saudi Arabian engineer in the Mediterranean resort of Marbella on Sept. 16 and an attack on a Kuwaiti businessman there on Aug. 6, in which the Kuwaiti escaped unhurt but his chauffeur was killed.

On Sept. 12 gunmen wounded a Libyan embassy official in Madrid and a Palestinian commando leader was shot and badly hurt in the capital in August.

A group calling itself the "Islamic Revolutionary Vanguard" said it carried out that attack.

## Turkish Cypriots back U.N. chief's proposals

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Cypriot leaders broadly back latest United Nations proposals for a new federal republic of Cyprus but Greek Cypriots are demanding extensive concessions, diplomatic sources said Saturday.

The sources, close to current U.N. talks, said the agenda for last month's inconclusive second round between Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and leaders of the two communities maintains the idea of a bicomunal, bilingual republic.

They confirmed the authenticity of a leaked text of the agenda which appeared in the New York Greek newspaper Proini and the Cyprus Mail.

The talks are due to resume on Nov. 26 for a third and final round but the sources said Turkey suspects the Greek Cypriot side of trying to torpedo them by dem-

anding concessions in all areas of discussion and leaking details despite an agreement to maintain confidentiality.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar's agenda called on the sides to accept a parliament with 70 per cent Greek and 30 per cent Turkish representation in the lower house and 50-50 in the upper house.

Approval of both houses would be needed for certain key areas but there would be "special provisions" to make sure one side did not block essential activities of the government, with the budget cited as an example.

The agenda also called for a phased withdrawal of foreign forces, mainly Turkish, and handover by the north of the resort of Varosha and six other areas to the U.N. for resettlement by Greek Cypriots.

## PNF directors meet in Sana'a on Tuesday

By Hamadeh Al Fars'neh  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The board of directors of the Palestine National Fund (PNF) will open its 57th meeting in Sana'a, North Yemen, on Nov. 6 to discuss programmes and issues pertaining to raising funds from Palestinians and Arab states.

The board, chaired by Dr. Hanna Nasir, includes 17 members from the Palestine National Council (PNC), representing various Palestinian groups. The board is the highest authority charged by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to raise funds to meet the expenses of the various Palestinian institutions.

These expenses are normally covered through financial con-

tributions by Arab states in implementation of Arab summit resolutions and through contributions by Palestinians employed in Arab states. Palestinians pay seven per cent of their income to the PNF which also receives contributions from other sources.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat will attend the PNF meetings after attending the funeral of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in New Delhi on Saturday, and will submit a report to the PNF board on the expenses of the fighting units of the Palestine liberation movement.

The meeting will be attended also by PNC Speaker Khaled Al Fahoum and three PNC members living in Jordan — Abdul Aziz Al Haj Ahmad, Yasser Amr and Ishaq Al Duzdar.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### 42 killed in Nile Delta fire

CAIRO (R) — At least 42 people were killed and 40 others injured in a fire which razed the Nile Delta village of Al Dahreya overnight, police said Saturday. They said 24 of the injured were in a serious condition and many others were missing in the debris of the fire, which raged for 20 hours and destroyed 250 mud houses in the village, some 120 kilometres north of Cairo. The fire started Friday in a farmer's house while his wife was baking bread and rapidly spread through the village, carried from house to house by burning reeds and fanned by strong winds, the police said. Fire brigades from nearby provinces helped battle the blaze which raged until the early hours of Saturday.

### Baalbek gunbattle kills two

BAALBEK, Lebanon. (R) — A gun battle after a political dispute killed two members of a family and wounded eight others in an east Lebanese village Friday night, security sources said Saturday. They said the shooting, in the village of Baalbek, 25 kilometres north of Baalbek, started after rival factions of the Bazzal clan quarrelled over one group putting up political posters. One faction belonged to the non-sectarian Syrian National Socialist Party and the other to the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah militia, the sources added.

### U.S. concerned over Libyan arms

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States is waging an active campaign to stop Libya obtaining nuclear weapons, a senior U.S. State Department official said Friday. "The United States is deeply concerned about the possibility that Libya might obtain the capability to produce nuclear explosives," U.S. Ambassador-at-large Richard Kennedy told a news briefing on nuclear proliferation. "We have encouraged all states with whom we have any relationships — East and West alike — to refrain from assisting Libya in its efforts," he said.

### 9 Kurdish rebels arrested in Turkey

ANKARA (R) — Nine Kurdish militants planning guerrilla attacks were arrested this week in the eastern Anatolian town of Mus, local police said Saturday. They said the militants from the underground Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) had confessed that their aim was to establish a Kurdish state. The militants had been trained abroad and were preparing assaults, the police said.

### Taiwan 'deplores' UAE-China ties

TAIPEI (AP) — The nationalist Chinese government said Saturday it "deplored" the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United Arab Emirates and China and "will try every possible means" to maintain an honorary consulate there, the official Central News Agency reported. The agency quoted a spokesman from the Foreign Ministry, Wang Chao-Yuan, as saying the UAE established the ties on Nov. 1 because the Gulf state "lacked knowledge about the vicious nature" of China.

## Egyptian supreme court accuses security authorities of torture

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's supreme state security court has accused the country's security authorities of torturing defendants in a recent mass-trial of Muslim fundamentalists, according to a legal report in the semi-official daily Al-Ahram.

The accusations appeared in Saturday's edition, which published parts of the court's explanation for its verdict on Sept. 30 on 302 fundamentalists of the outlawed Al Jihad (holy war) group who were accused of trying to overthrow the government by force.

Egyptian courts are obliged by the country's judicial system to make available a detailed explanation of the legal and other factors on which they base their verdicts.

"It is established beyond doubt that security authorities subjected the majority of the defendants to physical abuse causing serious injuries to some of them who needed treatment in public hospitals," Al-Ahram quoted the court as saying.

There was no immediate official comment on Al-Ahram's report

and a full text of the verdict, said by the newspaper to be 677 pages long, was not immediately available.

The trial arose out of the assassination in October 1981 of President Anwar Sadat by Muslim extremists and the rioting that flared soon after in the Upper Egyptian city of Assiut where 66 people, including policemen, died.

During the trial, which lasted nearly two years through 144 court sessions, several defendants accused authorities of torturing them to extract confessions, a charge that was consistently denied by the prosecution.

Al-Ahram said the court called in its verdict for a speedy inquiry to identify those responsible for torturing the defendants. It said: "Contrary to the middle ages... torture to extract confessions is unacceptable in modern times."

On the acquittal of the group's blind theologian and spiritual leader Omar Abdul Rahman, the court was quoted by Al-Ahram as saying it was dissatisfied with the evidence brought against him by

the prosecution.

"It has been proven to the court that his will was not free and his statements were affected by torture," it said.

The court, according to Al-Ahram, also accused security authorities of negligence, saying they were unable to detect the existence of the Jihad when it was first set up in 1980.

## Egypt assembles trainer plane

CAIRO (R) — The first Egyptian-assembled Brazilian Tucano trainer plane will join the Egyptian air force early next year, Air Force Chief Mohammed Abdul Hamid Helmi said Saturday. Flight-General Helmi told the weekly magazine October that agreement with the Brazilian firm Embraer for Egypt to produce and assemble the turbo-prop two-seater basic trainer plane was concluded last year. He said the plane would take part in an air display on Nov. 11 to mark Armed Forces Day.

The plane, which is being assembled at the Helwan Aircraft Factory, is a two-seater basic trainer plane with a maximum speed of 1,000 km/h and a range of 1,500 km.

The plane is being assembled at the Helwan Aircraft Factory, which is one of the largest aircraft manufacturing plants in the Middle East.

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## Local consultancy firm to study Aqaba projects

AQABA (J.T.) — A local consultancy firm, Dar Al Handasa, has won a contract from the Aqaba Regional Authority (ARA) to offer the authority advice and consultation on the implementation of projects in the Aqaba region. The nine-month contract also provides for the consultancy firm to help train ARA personnel in various types of work pertaining to the implementation of ARA's projects.

Under the contract the consultancy firm will advise the ARA on three programmes to be implemented. The first requires preparing an organisational plan for Aqaba pinpointing economic activities and elements which govern the distribution of population, housing, services and other related areas and also entails conducting studies for developing the old parts of the city and the southern coastal zone and a study for establishing the Prince Hamzeh Gardens.

The second programme entails plans for developing the Aqaba region that will be included in the national five-year plan. This programme will contain a detailed study of the projects and a general budget for carrying them out.

The third programme is connected with ARA's administrative and financial systems along modern techniques. The contract was signed by the firm's representative and ARA Director Mohammad Sa'id Abu Nowar.

## Anani reviews industry, trade activities in Aqaba

AMMAN (Petra) — Ministry of Industry and Trade Jawad Al Anani Saturday discussed with the director and members of the Aqaba Chamber of Commerce ways of coordinating activities and cooperation between the commerce and industry chambers. They also discussed the status of the free zone in Aqaba in order to activate Jordanian industries.

Also discussed during the meeting were topics related to establishing a workers' city in Aqaba, providing ships with their various needs as well as the setting up of an industrial estate in Aqaba.

Attending the meeting were the president of the general federation of Jordanian Trade Unions, Mr. Hamdi Al Tabbaa, and the federation's secretary general, Mr. Amin Al Hussein.

## Yemenia to link Amman, Sana'a from Nov. 7

AMMAN (J.T.) — Under the auspices of Her Highness Princess Alia, in cooperation with Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, the first flight of Yemenia, (Yemen Airways) connecting Sana'a and Amman on a weekly basis, will land at the Queen Alia International Airport on the morning of Wednesday Nov. 7, 1984. Yemenia's regular weekly services will depart from Sana'a

every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. to land at OIAA at 9:30 a.m. the same day. The return route departs Amman on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. to arrive Sana'a at 00:30 a.m. Thursday.

This flight marks the 24th international destination routes of Yemenia and comes to enhance the already-established trade, tourism and economic relations between Yemen and Jordan.

## 'Show-lady' Marta Rafael breaks the language barrier

By Jean Claude Elias  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The first impression Marta Rafael gives when appearing on the stage is that of a lady who has been used to public contact for years. This impression is then confirmed and lasts until the end of the show. The stage was the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC) and the show an evening of German and Hungarian songs and music.

The talent of Mrs. Rafael as an actress is at least equal to hers as an operette singer. From the very first song she succeeded in making us laugh with her and feel as if we had known her for a long time. Her career as a television "show-lady" in the German Democratic Republic has certainly a lot to do with it and in spite of the language barrier, she was easily able to communicate with the audience. One could notice anyhow that a certain number of people in the theatre could understand German.

Mrs. Rafael introduced each song with a few words of explanation in German, that a young man translated to Arabic. If it was not for the wit of both the lady and the young man, this break between songs would have been unpleasant. Instead, it turned out to be

one of the good moments of the evening.

The songs Marta Rafael interpreted were for the most part well-known melodies including one Russian and two French evergreens, but the music of the most beautiful songs was by Bela Bartok. Mrs. Rafael's warm tones, not too high-pitched voice, an obviously experienced technique and the fact that no microphone was used for singing made a good impact.

## Work starts on King Abdullah complex, park

AMMAN (Petra) — Work has started on the first stage of the King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein complex on the Wadi Saqr-Sports City road.

The first stage entails the establishment of two public parks on 49 dunums of land, shopping centres and hanging gardens, a supermarket, an open theatre for cultural activities, restaurants, a commercial bank, a nursery, a public library, water fountains, car parks to accommodate 750 vehicles and a garden which will be set up on 32 dunums.

## House debates proposed laws

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infrastructure causes," he said. He called on the government to take the necessary procedures to prevent the recurrence of such incidents and to punish the culprits. The House then referred a provisional law on auditing accounts for 1984 and amended law for serving in the Jordanian Armed Forces to the specialised committees for research and discussion.

The House referred 15 suggestions on the maintenance of the Ma'an airport and connecting of

the towns of Shobak and Wadi Musa with the telephone service in Amman and other suggestions on more services to remote areas in the Kingdom.

The House endorsed several provisional laws issued by the legal and administrative committees.

At the beginning of the session deputies, cabinet ministers and the people present observed one minute of silence to mourn the death of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

## World bids farewell to Gandhi

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The rituals will continue for three days.

Indian Television said Mrs. Gandhi's ashes will be collected Sunday to be placed in 22 urns and sent to each of India's 22 states to be scattered in their rivers. The same procedure was followed for the ashes of India's independence hero, Mohandas K. Gandhi — who was assassinated in 1948.

Rajiv's gesture to Maneka, widow of Sanjay, brought on to the platform all of Mr. Gandhi's immediate relatives. Maneka, 27, who has vowed to fight Rajiv in national elections due next January, moved out of Mrs. Gandhi's home two years ago because of differences with her mother-in-law.

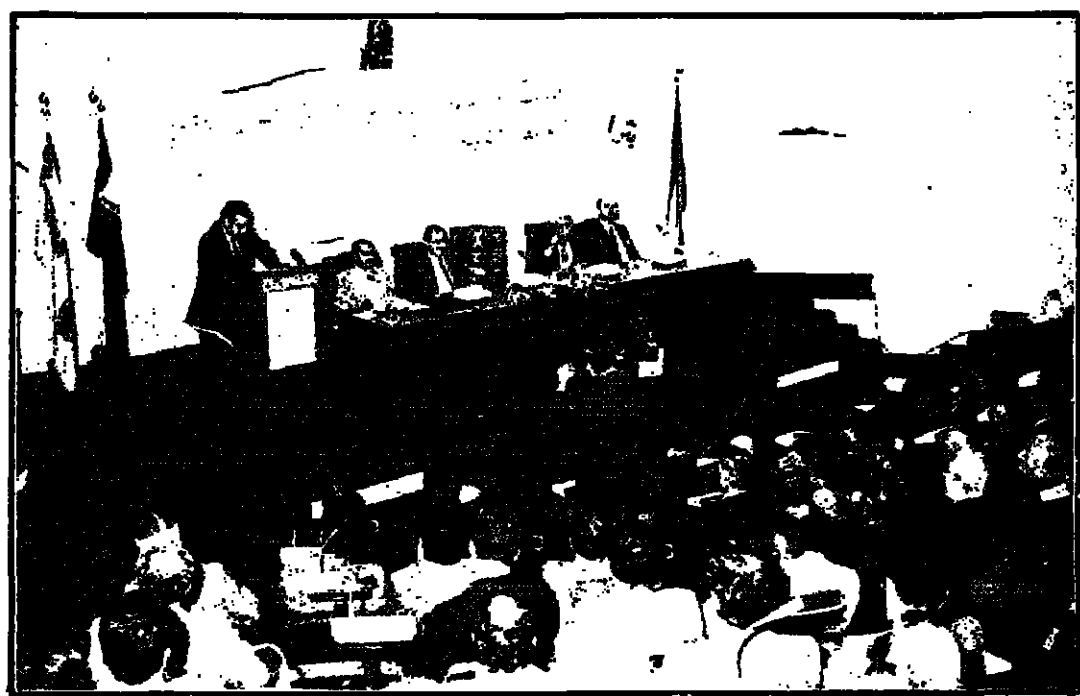
In another gesture of conciliation, one of Mrs. Gandhi's most bitter recent political foes, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao, was also invited to the platform.

Prayers to bring the congregation together were led by Nobel Peace Prize winner Mother Teresa.

Priests chanted prayers and drums beat as official mourners climbed up the platform to offer Rajiv condolences.

Rajiv's final act was to push the blazing body with a long stick in a symbolic gesture of farewell which his composure broke. He stood weeping silently for several minutes, staring in to flames.

Helicopters kept watch on the crowd, commandos wearing red berets guarded the world leaders and troops kept the weeping crowds back.



Health Minister Kamel Al Ajlouni opens third Arab scientific conference on biological sciences Saturday at the University of Jordan (Petra photo)

## Ajlouni calls for coordinated research as biological sciences conference opens

By Olga Mikhael  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Deputising for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Minister of Health Kamel Al Ajlouni opened here Saturday at the University of Jordan the third Arab scientific conference on biological sciences.

The conference, organised by the Jordan Society of Biological Sciences and the Arab Biologists Union in cooperation with the University of Jordan and the Yarmouk University, will review research papers dealing with molecular biology, biochemistry, ecology, pollution, plant disease control, micro organisms, viruses and other related biological subjects.

In his opening speech Dr. Ajlouni welcomed the Arab and foreign scientists and emphasised their importance to the developmental process through their scientific achievements and research. "We hope that the different scientific achievements we are witnessing will have the right effect on our societies in the Arab World," the minister said. "We also hope that the scientists who are meeting at this conference will exploit all their experiences in this field in order to help solve the problems of our society and to choose the right and proper fields for their scientific researches," he added.

### Research cooperation

Dr. Ajlouni highlighted the importance of cooperation between Arab scientists which, he said, would help in identifying priorities in terms of scientific research and would solve the problems that stand as obstacles to development, increase environmental pollution and threaten

our health.

Dr. Rashad Al Natour, chairman of the organising committee of the conference and president of the Jordan Society of Biological Sciences, said in an interview with the Jordan Times, that the conference aims to pinpoint any specific and important problems that are facing researchers in Jordan and the Arab World. He also said that it aims to upgrade the educational system regarding biological sciences.

The conference opening was attended by 130 participants representing 12 Arab countries. During the conference 195 research papers will be presented by the Arab scientists discussing different fields in biological sciences, most of which are studies from Jordan, Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon.

"Eight papers will discuss specific fields in biological sciences such as plant disease control, physiological approach, environmental stress on plant and animal life in dry lands, genetics as an avenue for new development and others," Dr. Al Natour said. "In addition, eight foreign experts from the USA, France, Italy, Singapore, India, Switzerland and Lebanon came to attend this scientific conference," he added.

### Research in the Arab World

Dr. Azwar Khalaf, president of the Arab Biologists Union explained in his speech the reasons behind the differences in the volume of scientific research between the industrialised developed countries and the developing countries, including the Arab World. "Recent statistics show that 89 per cent of the active scientists in the world are working in the ind-

## Preparatory team discusses projects for U.N. women's decade, 'year of youth'

By Rana Sabbagh  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), in Amman held a panel discussion on the beginning of the 'International Youth Year' (IYY) and the end of the 'United Nations Decade for Women'.

The panelists included Mrs. Intisar Abbas Jandaneh, member of the Jordanian Preparatory Committee for the U.N. Nairobi Conference on the review and appraisal of the achievements of the U.N. Decade for Women. Mr. Akram Masarweh, secretary general of the Jordanian Preparatory Committee for International Youth Year, and Miss Mira Rizk, youth coordinator of the YWCA Jerusalem branch.

Mrs. Jandaneh discussed the theme of U.N. Women's Decade "Equality, Development and Peace", and the sub-themes "Employment, Health and Education". Mrs. Jandaneh also informed the audience about the main points to be included in the Jordanian national paper which will be presented at the Nairobi conference next year. The main objectives of the conference are to review and appraise the achievements of the U.N. Decade for Women and to set strategies for the development of women until the year 2000. The Jordanian national paper will include the situation of women and children in refugee camps in Jordan. Mrs. Jandaneh also stressed the need for resolutions of such conferences to be implemented and not to remain simply "documents".

Mr. Masarweh briefed the audience about the importance of the coming year which will be called "International Youth Year" (IYY) with the theme "Development, Peace and Participation". International Youth Year was declared by the U.N. to raise the social awareness that

youth are one of society's pillars that are not to be neglected.

### Youth programmes

The U.N. definition for youth is based on the age factor which ranges from 15-25.

This definition applies to about 70 per cent of the Jordanian population, hence, the Jordanian Preparatory Committee stresses the complete integration of youth in society and raising the awareness of governmental and private institutions concerned with youth affairs. The Jordanian committee decided to avoid too much propaganda, let action speak for itself, Mr. Masarweh noted.

To reach Jordanian youth, the preparatory committee outlined its programme of action to include nine basic fields: cultural development, to promote literary and artistic fields, scientific fields, sports, scouts, voluntary work and public services, mass media and recreation research on youth. Mr. Masarweh urged all voluntary organisations dealing with youth to draw up a work plan within the framework of the above-mentioned fields.

The common factor that binds the IYY and the Decade for Women is their themes of "Development and Peace" and also equality, which implies participation.

Miss Mira Rizk talked about the International YWCA's interest in the participation of youth in their programmes, especially that these organisations follow the motto "Peace, Development and Equality".

The panel recommended strengthening ties between the Youth Welfare Organisation and other organisations to make use of all the potentials. They also stressed the need to develop sports. The panelists also pointed out the importance of a needs-assessment survey of Jordanian youth to pinpoint possible fields of action.

## Central Bank to maintain foreign currency policy

## Six months extra for foreign banks to follow investment regulations, Nabulsi says

AMMAN (J.T.) — Central Bank Governor Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi said here Saturday that regulations requiring foreign financial institutions and banks to invest 15 per cent of their public deposits and savings in Jordanian companies have not changed, but the banks have been given extra time to abide by the regulations in view of the prevailing economic situation.

Dr. Nabulsi said in an interview with Al Rai newspaper that the regulations concern eight foreign banks in Jordan, some of which have already conformed with the regulations and the others are taking time to do so. The Central Bank has to allow extra time for these banks because he said it is concerned over safeguarding the interests of these banks. In fact, there are some Jordanian banks which need extra time to abide by Central Bank's regulations on other matters and this is understood and extra time is given, he said.

The aim of these regulations, Dr. Nabulsi said, is to commit the foreign banks to preserve some of their deposits inside Jordan to help the country's development process. This is a normal procedure in most world countries, he added. Yet, he said, the Central

Bank should be flexible in requesting the application of the regulations and it is giving the foreign banks extra time to comply.

Foreign banks, he said, have been requested to acquire shares in local companies at the rate of 15 per cent of the total amount of public deposits but some of these banks have not yet acquired this rate and an extra six month period has been allowed for them to do so, Dr. Nabulsi said.

### Economic situation

According to Dr. Nabulsi there are indications that the 1984 economic situation would be better than the previous year thanks to agreements reached with other countries, and because foreign currency reserves at the Central Bank have maintained their normal level. The Central Bank hopes



Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi

that the major projects being implemented in the country and exports will contribute to increasing the amount of foreign currency reserves, Dr. Nabulsi said.

He said that the Jordanian dinar is linked to the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) which gives it flexibility and this is very convenient for the Jordanian economy. The Central Bank does not intend to change its policy concerning the foreign currency reserves because this policy has proved correct and sound in the face of fluctuations in world currencies, Dr. Nabulsi said.

## Royal Decree approves deans for university

AMMAN (Petra) — A Royal Decree was issued approving the University of Jordan board of trustees decision to appoint deans for the university's faculties as follows: Dr. Mahmoud Al Dweiri, dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. Abdul Rahman Adas dean of post-graduate studies, Dr. Abdullah Zeid Al Keilani dean of the Faculty of Education and Dr. Hani Abdul Rahman dean of students affairs. The board has earlier appointed Dr. Hamzi Haddad as acting dean of the Faculty of Law.

## Violators of car safety inspections to be fined

AMMAN (Petra) — A joint committee from the Drivers Licensing Department and the Traffic Department Saturday started a full-scale checking campaign on all public vehicles in Amman. Public Security Department sources said that the two-week campaign is aimed at ensuring that all vehicles are in good technical condition and roadworthy.

The sources added that the joint

committee will organise records for all cars and that special posters will be stuck on the vehicles which have been checked. Owners of cars and other vehicles which do not meet the public safety conditions will be fined and the vehicle's licence will be impounded until the vehicle is repaired to meet the requirements, the sources stated.

## GUVS to distribute gifts to mark King Hussein's birthday

AMMAN (Petra) — The General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) Executive Council decided to allocate some money for the various voluntary societies on both the East and West Bank of Jordan.

The money will be used to purchase gifts to be distributed to the needy and poor children in orphanages, handicapped centres and children sections in hospitals on His Majesty King Hussein's birthday which falls on Nov. 14.

To mark the occasion, the GUVS Executive Council will also inaugurate a centre for the multi-

handicapped in Amman which is estimated to cost about JD 50,000. The council also decided to contribute JD 5,000 to the Friends of Eye-Bank Society.

Meanwhile a social cooperation campaign, launched by GUVS, is still continuing. Speaking about the people's response to the campaign, Mr. Ahmad Abu Fares, an official in charge of the campaign, said the people's response had been encouraging and that a large number of citizens handed their contributions to the committee and to the collection centres.

## Jordan signs contracts to sell cigarettes, matches to Iraq

BAGHDAD (Petra) — Jordan has signed contracts for selling Iraq cigarettes and matches during the current International Baghdad Fair in the Iraqi capital, according to Dr. Mohammad Bani Hani, director of the trade centres corporation. Dr. Bani Hani is now in Baghdad attending the fair where Jordan is taking part along with other 129 nations.

He made the statement following a visit to the Jordanian pavilion by Iraqi Trade Minister Hassan Ali. The pavilion was also visited by several Iraqi officials and businessmen who expressed their desire to sign contracts for purchasing Jordanian products. Dr. Bani Hani said, the Jordanian pavilion, he said, has been set up on an area of 500 square metres.

## NPC official outlines objectives, achievements of five-year development programmes

AMMAN (Petra) — The present 1981/5 national development plan is nearing completion and the government has already embarked on drawing up main outlines for a new five-year development plan. The aims and objectives of the current plan have not been fully realised in view of the retreat in political and economic activities in Jordan and the whole Middle East region over the past few years, according to Dr. Ziyad Fariz, the National Planning Council secretary general.

In an interview with the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, Dr. Fariz said that Jordan was affected by the general situation prevailing in the region in the past few years in two main spheres: Firstly, Arab financial aid to the central government of Jordan subsided and this adversely affected public spending, subsequently reducing general economic activity and economic growth. Secondly, a recession in neighbouring Arab countries caused a drop in their demand for Jordanian manpower, leading to a reduction in money transfers by Jordanians to their country. The prevailing economic situation also adversely affected Jordan's exports which had raised economic growth rates in the first five-year development plan.

Dr. Fariz said that the 1981-5 five year plan is an extension of the development process adopted by Jordan in the 1960s. In an appraisal of the plan, he said, one can say that it aimed at maintaining the momentum in economic growth appeared in the process of implementing the previous three year and five year plans.

### Financial aid

But the 1981-5 plan had taken into account a constant flow of Arab financial aid to Jordan to help it carry out its schemes and

had originally planned to spend JD 3,300 million, compared with JD 222 million in the first five year plan, Dr. Fariz said. A total of 61 per cent of the money were assigned for public investments and 39 per cent for the private sector's investment he added.

According to Dr. Fariz the plan aimed at realising a continuous annual gross national product (GNP) of 11 per cent, and envisaged an 8.5 per cent growth in annual services and 15 per cent in the production of commodities, and had provided for an increase in government reliance on local revenues which should cover recurrent expenditure and reduce the margin of the deficit in the balance of trade. He said the plan aimed at expanding and improving health, education, housing communications and other services in the Kingdom.

### Growth rates

Dr. Fariz said that, despite the circumstances which adversely affected Jordan's economy, local production continued to realise a rate of growth exceeding in some cases those achieved in developing and developed nations. In the 1981-3 period, he said, the economic growth averaged 6.9 per cent against 11 per cent envisaged by the plan. The rate of growth in industry, mining, electricity, water, construction, trade and services has dropped, but there were constant increases in agricultural production and a noticeable growth in transport, defence, communications and public administration fields, Dr. Fariz pointed out.

He said that the real annual growth in the agriculture sector between 1981 and 1983 averaged 8.2 per cent against 7.7 per cent as envisaged by the five-year plan.

This, he added, is attributed to the employment of modern methods and techniques in sowing seeds, the application of fertilisers and in developing irrigation systems. Yet Dr. Fariz said, the deficit in the balance of agricultural trade continued to exhibit a constant increase due mainly to a growth in population and a rise in the average individual income. Records show that the deficit, which amounted to JD 95 million in 1980, grew to JD 144 million in 1983, Dr. Fariz explained.

### Industry, mining sectors

Despite a drop in industrial and mineral products, the industrial and mining business in Jordan realised a growth of 6.3 per cent in 1983 against 17.7 per cent as envisaged by the five-year plan, and this is due mainly to a shrinking world market and a delay in production, coupled with a drop in demand for Jordanian potash and fertilisers, Dr. Fariz said.

In this period, he said public and private expenditure increased by 10.1 per cent, against 8.8 per cent as envisaged by the five year plan. It was hoped that the five-year plan would increase capital investment in Jordan from JD 340 million in 1980 to JD 561 million in 1983 at standing prices, that is an average increase of 18 per cent, but the actual increase during this period was a mere eight per cent, Dr. Fariz added.

Referring to an official communique by the prime minister on the need to begin preparing for the new five-year plan, Dr. Fariz said that preparation for this plan will be conducted through consultation with various ministries and government departments. He said that after making studies of their needs, and projects in every sector, these ministries will submit their projects and plans to the

### Continuous process

Dr. Fariz stressed that the process of planning should be continuous. First comes the laying of a draft plan then a study of the draft and continuous revision of the plan for possible amendments to conform with long range targets, he said. So it is really premature to talk about details of the general objectives of the coming plan. However, he said that this plan is bound to tackle two important areas: First it will have to make provisions for increasing an overall growth in agriculture, industry and services and secondly it should provide for the development of each governorate separately with the aim of providing the basic requirements for their population.

Dr. Fariz said that the NPC has already embarked on preparing studies and conducting comprehensive surveys to familiarise itself with the economic activities of various governorates prior to preparing an action programme designed to create job opportunities for all the sectors of the population in the light of available resources.

He said that the next plan will aim at stemming the movement of people from rural regions and other urban areas to Amman. The NPC has already set up teams to tour the governorates and to gather information in preparation for the coming plan," Dr. Fariz concluded.



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## What the reshuffle means

THE cabinet reshuffle that was announced last Thursday ended a few months of rumours and speculations on what was believed to be an eminent change in government ministries and portfolios. It became pressing and necessary after His Majesty the King told Kuwaiti journalists earlier in the week that a reshuffle was being considered by the prime minister. To this end at least the reshuffle was more than a welcome step.

Although the change was not as sweeping as some political pundits might have hoped or expected it to be, but it is still going to touch upon our lives in one way or another. We do not know what it will produce; but presumably the prime minister, and by implication the whole government, will find the new set-up more useful and more comfortable to work with. This should help in smoothing the work of the public sector and also its performance. Again here the reshuffle should be welcome.

Those who know something or are interested in monitoring the work of the government will most probably have something to say on the formation of the three new ministries and the merger of the other two. Those who know more may even praise or criticise the choice of the four new ministers or the reshuffle as a whole. Some could argue that the creation of a ministry for planning or for energy was long overdue, or that culture went better with tourism than with youth.

Fine. But where does all of this lead us to? Is there anything else behind the change?

Unless something is said and the move explained, speculations will start anew. Why only two ministers resigned? Did they fail in their job or just could not get on with the prime minister and their colleagues? Do we take it that the rest of the ministers are doing okay?

The moral of the story is that such an important thing as a cabinet reshuffle should be more widely debated and discussed: in newspapers, on television and the radio, not just in smoke-filled rooms and political salons. If we could not be doing such a thing this time, for this or that reason, we should be aiming to do it in the next time or not in the too-distant future. Parliament which met yesterday should have raised the issue, even though it was not binding on the cabinet to discuss the reshuffle with the honourable members of the House. It did not, however, and that is rather sad.

There may be some wisdom and certain advantages in keeping a political circle closed to the public sometimes, but when this happens it should be the exception rather than the rule. The country stands to benefit a great deal from publicly debating every issue of concern to its future and well-being — all the time.

### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

#### Al Ra'i: Unity foils plots

COHESION AMONG the Palestinians under Israeli occupation and cooperation to foil Israeli conspiracies have been instrumental in aborting Zionist attempts against them. Years ago the Israelis tried to disrupt unity among the Palestinians and destroy their spirit of resistance by planting the village leagues among them. When this trick failed, the Israelis resorted to open attacks by Zionist settlers on Arab property and Arab citizens. This was followed by creating an atmosphere of tension to strike against national Palestinian unity.

At present the Israelis are intent on committing crimes and accusing Arabs of doing them in a bid to draw a wedge between the local inhabitants, and so destroy their steadfastness. But the Arab population had long experience in Israel's tactics and realise that such criminal actions can come only from their common enemy. We have no doubt that the Arab inhabitants will continue to maintain their cohesion and unity, and serve as a torch of hope for all Arabs.

#### Al Doustour: Pitiful return to hostilities

IT IS sad indeed to watch the Lebanese resorting again to their weapons to settle differences among themselves. It is difficult for the people who had to return to the shelters during the clashes over the past few days to believe that there really exists a government of national unity when the warring factions which are carrying on the fight are uncontrollable by their leaders who are members of this government.

What is happening in Lebanon now casts real doubt on the intentions of these factions and their leaders who had pledged to form a government of national unity to bring about reconciliation among the different communities of Lebanon.

It is sad to see the Lebanese continuing their civil war after all the mediations and the peace talks that had taken place in Switzerland and in Lebanon itself following the implementation by the government of a security plan in parts of the country.

A observer of the events in Lebanon can only conclude that the leaders of the warring factions and the heads of political parties in Lebanon have no sincere intentions of ending the war.

#### Sawt Al Shaab: For offering better service

THE GOVERNMENT reshuffle carried out on Thursday was necessary to help the cabinet carry on with its work and implement its programmes after learning from past experience. For example, the National Planning Council has now been transformed into a ministry of planning for the country's economy and its economic programmes.

Also the ministries of Labour and Social Development have been merged onto one because both labour and society are closely connected and inter-related. Energy which used to be taken care of by a department in the ministry of industry and trade is to be taken care of by a new ministry of energy and mineral resources was found necessary in view of the country's endeavours to develop its mineral resources like phosphates, oil and at the same time look into ways of developing new form of energy.

We hope that the public will respond favourably to the change, and embark on increased cooperation with the government in the energy, social development and tourism sectors. It is for developing the public and private sectors and carrying out projects benefiting both sides that the changes had been introduced.

# Granting unnecessary lavish exemptions

By Fahed Fanek

ON OCTOBER 22 and 23, an inter-Arab symposium was held in Amman to examine the issue of taxation on incoming Arab investments in other Arab countries.

Having been invited to attend and participate in this seminar, I shall highlight the major points which represent a message to the host countries eager to attract foreign and Arab investors such as Jordan. Other ideas which do not conflict with the mainstream of conventional wisdom will not be dealt with in this article.

The majority of the taxation and investment experts asserted their strong conviction that tax exemption in itself is not a sure method for promoting investments. If tax exemption is at all an effective incentive it is not the first or the most important one, and must be looked at as distant second to the right investment climate.

We were informed time and again that investments coming from Europe, Japan and the United States pay in their home-countries full tax on their income from the investments in the host countries. The full tax is subject to reduction to the extent charged by the host country. In other words the total taxes payable by such foreign investor coming from an advanced industrial country are the same whether we charge 40 per cent, 10 per cent or nothing at all. Any reduction of tax will not attract foreign investors unless they are convinced of the feasibility and profitability of the project. The only beneficiary of the sacrifices of the local government is the foreign government.

That is why American banks and insurance companies operating in Jordan will not carry government bonds unless ob-

liged to do so by law or by Central Bank orders, simply because the tax exemption that the Jordanian government is generous enough to give is a mere transfer from the Ministry of Finance to Uncle Sam.

Moreover, the experts pointed out that granting tax exemptions to foreign investors could have a negative impact, because it makes the foreign investor feel uneasy. It is an implied acknowledgement that the investment climate in the country is not satisfactory and that the expected profitability is low, and that the investment is not worthwhile without exceptional advantages at the expense of the local government. Tax exemptions are thus a bad publicity for the economy of the country!

It was also said that tax exemptions are usually exaggerated by certain governments on the assumption

that such exemptions would work as a substitute for the effectiveness of the public administration and the soundness of the economy and the project. In other words bad governments are more inclined to offer more generous tax exemptions to cover up their shortcomings and failures.

There is no evidence that tax exemptions did actually attract any external investment in the real sense. Where these investments took place, there is no evidence that they would not have materialised without the exemptions.

The Arab experts stressed the utmost importance of the right investment climate with all its economic, legal and psychological dimensions such as: political and social stability, full respect and observation of law and justice, security, freedom of currency exchange, the attitude towards for-

signers, the efficiency of the public administration, the absence of the red tape, protection from imports, the stability of the local currency, the availability of infrastructure and basic services such as communications, transport, housing, water, electricity, medical and educational services etc....

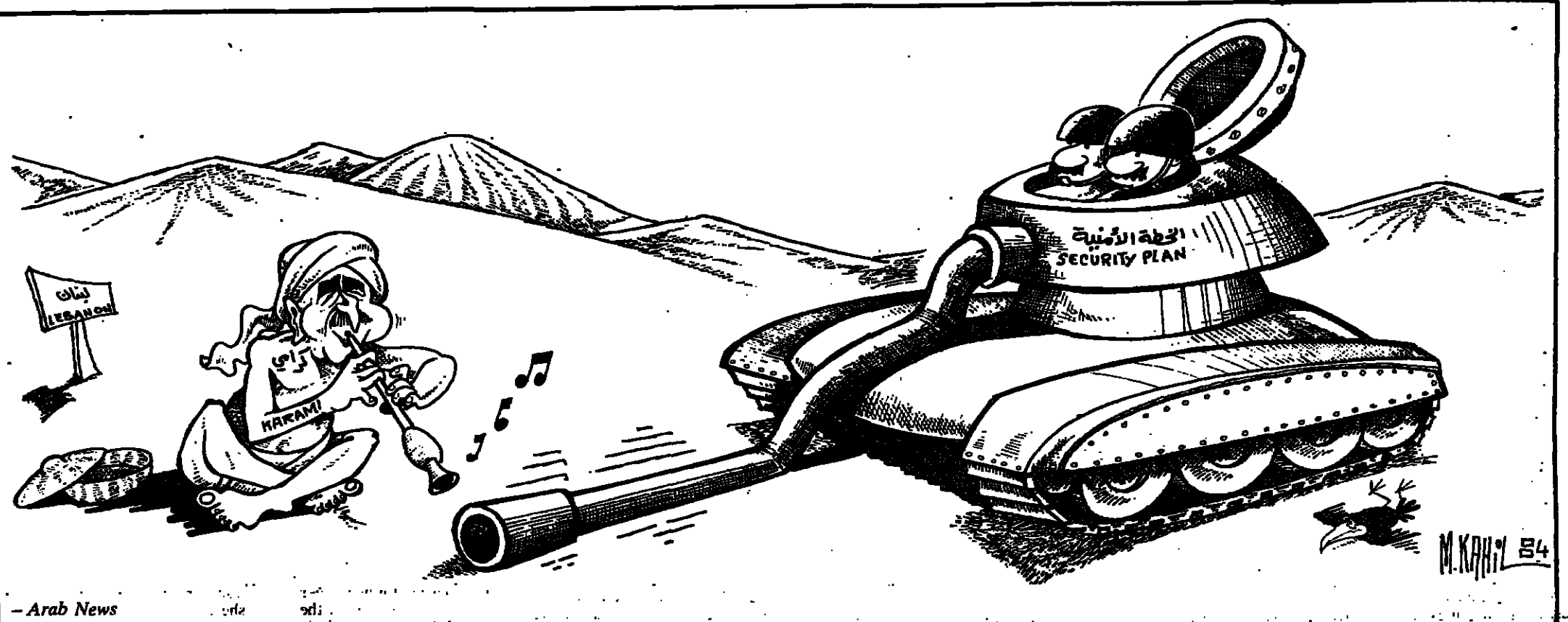
No tax exempt in the world can replace these basics to any foreign or Arab investment. If the favourable climate is lacking, the country concerned will not only fail to attract external capital inflow for domestic investments, but will also cause a local capital outflow in search of safer investments abroad.

Jordan is unnecessarily offering very generous exemptions for investments in industry, agriculture and tourism. These exemptions failed to attract substantial private Arab funds to these fields, while we notice that such Arab

funds are forthcoming and being invested in our financial institutions to the extent of 50 per cent of the paid up capital of our banks and insurance companies and some real estate activities. It is meaningful that such investments are subject to the heaviest income tax, yet the investors were not deterred.

The tax exemption advocates must be embarrassed to see this phenomenon which has one evident conclusion: The tax exemptions failed and the right environment succeeded.

There is no doubt that Jordan does have most of the elements of the right environment and climate to a satisfactory degree. The room for improvement is of course wide open. It is high time we scrap our impotent tax exemptions, or cut them to size, without affecting the rights and privileges already granted.



## U.S. hopes for better relations with Delhi

By Michael Battye

WASHINGTON — The

succession to power of Rajiv Gandhi following the assassination of Mrs. Indira Gandhi provides a major opportunity for improved U.S.-India relations in the long term, government and private analysts say.

Under Mrs. Gandhi, who had a strongly socialist background, India's relations with the United States were marked by mutual suspicion although the analysts said relations had quietly improved over recent months.

The analysts, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters the huge domestic crisis facing the inexperienced Indian leader following his mother's murder by two of her Sikh bodyguards precluded any immediate breakthrough in foreign relations.

But all the signs were in favour of improved relations with Washington provided that Mr. Gandhi, with backing by the leadership of his mother's Congress (I) Party and the army, could contain the explosive domestic situation.

The Soviet media has implied U.S. involvement in Mrs. Gandhi's murder, saying that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) had links with Sikh extremists.

"The Soviets are clearly very worried about the transition, with

a highly Westernised young man without any ideological underpinnings now in charge," one source said.

"There is obviously more to this than simply grasping an opportunity to blacken the United States," said another. "It looks like they are stirring the pot to preclude any move towards Washington."

Washington saw Indira Gandhi's India as leaning towards Moscow while New Delhi viewed American arms sales to neighbouring Pakistan, against which it has fought two bitter wars, as anti-Indian.

U.S.-Indian relations reached a low point in 1981 when Washington sold advanced F-16 fighter planes to Pakistan.

Mrs. Gandhi, unconvinced by the argument that the warplanes were intended to strengthen Pakistan against any threat from Afghanistan, sought more advanced planes from Moscow. India's major arms supplier.

But over recent months preliminary discussions on U.S. sales to India of computers and industrial equipment with possible military uses have marked a significant step in improving relations, the sources said.

They also noted that Pakistan's immediate reaction to the assassination was to praise Mrs. Gandhi and launch a "peace offensive."

According to the analysts this appeared to reflect fears of India's new leader launching a dramatic foreign adventure against Pakistan in an effort to unite the country in the face of potentially overwhelming internal problems.

The Pakistani initiative, if taken seriously by Mr. Gandhi and his advisers, could provide the best opportunity in years for a major easing of tension between the two neighbours, they said, adding that any improvement in relations between India and Pakistan must inevitably lead to better U.S.-India ties.

Whether such hopes will prove realistic will largely depend on Rajiv Gandhi, who is still largely an unknown quantity in the political arena.

The analysts said the fact that he entered politics reluctantly only four years ago on the death of his younger brother Sanjay, who was Mrs. Gandhi's political right-hand man, posed problems but also had positive aspects.

His former career as an airline pilot meant that he was a technocrat with a strong sense of discipline and organisation.

"That probably means he has not built up the storehouse of irritation and sensitivity that Mrs. Gandhi had towards the superpowers, particularly the United States," one commented.



Rajiv Gandhi

"Rajiv is unlikely to change any policies at all until he has established himself as the man in charge but once he has done that I think we can start looking for a more even-handed approach to Moscow and Washington," another said.

The new prime minister's Western outlook could accelerate a general trend away from Soviet technology.

## Ortega set to win Nicaragua election

From Reuters

MANAGUA — Daniel Ortega Saavedra, who seems set to win Nicaragua's elections on Sunday, has been a revolutionary figure from boyhood and a dominant force in Nicaragua's socialist political structure since the Sandinists swept to power five years ago.

At 38 he is coordinator of the three-man governing junta, one of the nine members of the directorate of the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) and its presidential candidate.

Acquaintances say he is shy and retiring and despite his fiery rhetoric against the United States and social injustices he gives more the impression of a studious schoolboy than a revolutionary hero.

Although he bitterly attacks the U.S. and staunchly defends social ideas, Mr. Ortega is often described as a pragmatist.

He and his older brother Humberto, who is defence minister and head of the Sandinista Army, were the driving force for the elections which were opposed by more radical members of the directorate.

Sandinista sources say the main spokesman for the Sandinista cause, he has earned sympathy abroad over his country's desperate economic plight and international isolation in Europe and other Latin American nations.

He has fervently defended the FSLN from charges by the U.S. that the Sandinists are bent on exporting Marxist revolution to the region.

And although the U.S. has stopped vital economic aid and supports right-wing rebels trying to overthrow the Sandinists, Mr. Ortega favours flexibility in tentative peace discussions with America.

His supporters cite a speech delivered two years ago as an indication of Mr. Ortega's moderation. He called for less FSLN interference in the day-to-day running of the country, especially in the economic field.

But his critics, mainly the middle class whose wealth has been eroded under Sandinista rule, say such statements are intended to disguise the Sandinist intention to install a totalitarian social system.

They recall an Ortega speech last year in which he said: "The enemies of our revolution... still cannot believe that neither bullets nor ballots can overthrow this revolutionary power, this Sandinist power, this popular power."



Daniel Ortega

But the Sandinists are widely acclaimed for their sweeping achievements in the health care, education and land distribution which retain their popularity with the mass of Nicaragua's 2.27 million people.

Mr. Ortega, invariably dressed in olive green fatigues and wearing a pistol, has a flair for mixing with the public but has avoided developing a personality cult and his appeal relies largely on the Sandinista record.

He was born in the town of La Libertad in the central cattle ranching area of Chontales on Nov. 11, 1945. His family was modestly well-off but strongly aware of social injustices and his father fought with guerrillas opposing the U.S. occupation in the 1920s.

Their leader was Augusto Sandino from whom the Sandinists took their name.

Mr. Ortega was educated at private Jesuit school. At 14 he joined the Nicaraguan Revolutionary Youth Movement and at 16 became head of the FSLN student sector and led attacks against National Guards.

The FSLN developed as an armed revolutionary movement against the Anastasio Somoza family which ruled Nicaragua for some 46 years and salted away most of the country's wealth.

Mr. Ortega became a guerrilla leader and was captured in 1967, jailed for seven years and tortured. He was eventually exchanged for several foreign diplomats and government figures kidnapped at a Managua cocktail party by Sandinists.

He went into exile in Cuba but secretly returned to Nicaragua in 1976 to lead the guerrilla war against the Somoza family's dictatorship. His younger brother, Camilo, was killed leading an uprising in 1978.



# Keep-fit craze hits Ammanites

By Simonetta Carr  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The fitness craze is the latest, most popular American export to all the world and the exercise bug has not left Jordan or the Middle East untouched. While the government itself promotes the diffusion of sports through the opening of more and more sports clubs throughout the Kingdom, we also see more joggers and tennis players. A morning programme of stretching and calisthenics, though quite advanced for beginners, is also showing daily on JTV at 8 a.m.

The exercise boom reflects a new concern for health, a new awareness of our bodies and our abilities to either make them or break them. It reflects also a physiological necessity in a time of mechanisation, where most of us spend most of our time at a desk, in a car or in front of a TV screen.

While, up until today, most sports, especially competitive ones, have attracted mainly male crowds, women are finding a way to release their energies and recharge physically through a particularly popular form of exercise, aerobics, a blend of stretching, jumping and calisthenics that is capturing women the world round.

## Mushrooming in Amman

Aerobic classes are mushrooming in Amman as well: there are 7 or 8 at the present in different centres and hotels. "There is not enough emphasis on sports for women in the Middle East", Ms. Pamela Dosch, dancer and instructor of aerobics at the French Cultural Centre and at the American Community School says. Ms. Dosch also teaches a creative movement class for Jordanian girls age 5-14 sponsored by the Royal Theatre Club at the Royal Cultural Centre. "This class teaches girls to use their imagination and creativity in expressing themselves, through dancing to classical and popular music", Ms. Dosch says.

Why are aerobics so popular? Women who feel excluded from the world of sports are looking for other ways to keep fit and aerobics just fits their needs. There is no competition, no pressure, and the music and dancing make it so much fun. "Jogging can be boring, and it is not a complete sport,

working only the leg muscles", says Ms. Maureen Stalla, the national tennis coach in Jordan, ballet dancer and instructor of ballet and aerobics at the Haya Arts Centre. "The same problem of space goes for bicycling, and swimming pools are also limited. Aerobics is an all-body activity, and it's fun", he adds.

Another incentive, often the most important for women, is the aesthetic value of aerobics. The continued exercise seems wonderful for dropping pounds, losing inches and shaping up the body. But these motives alone do not last, says Ms. Dosch, who has been teaching aerobics in Amman for three years now. "The women who come to the classes for health reasons stick with them. The ones who just want to lose weight leave as soon as the weight is off. I always tell my students 'You should be concerned first with your health, then beauty will naturally follow'".

## Evening classes

Though aerobic classes are popular everywhere, the ones who attract most students are the evening classes. "At the American Community School we were supposed to have only 25 students per class, but we ended up with 45", Ms. Dosch says. "Many women can't follow morning classes, but when their husbands come home, they are more free to go out." Ms. Dosch also says that studies have shown how most people reach their mental and physical peak in the afternoon rather than the morning, so evening classes may be actually healthier and easier to follow. The Haya Centre also offers an evening aerobics course.

Aerobics is also a social event. It is a colourful, musical, exhilarating way to meet friends and have fun together. It is interesting to watch some women coming to the Physical Fitness Centre, which also offers aerobic classes with the bonus of a workout with weights and exercise machines. They arrive in their long dresses and scarves and with a butterfly's metamorphosis, they remove their attire to reveal a bright, colourful leotard and start discussing excitedly their progress, their weight loss, and their new feelings with the others. This social aspect of aerobics makes it easier for some women to stick with it. Fortunately in Jordan, there is no fas-

hion competition and T-shirts and leg warmers are just as frequent and accepted as the leotards.

A student who has been following Ms. Dosch's classes for over two years says she feels more energetic now, even late at night, and she can always notice a difference in her daily performance when she has missed her classes. "It's the oxygenation that comes through vigorous exercise that gives energy and a feeling of exuberance", Ms. Dosch says.

Other benefits are weight loss, due to both the fat burning effect which usually continues up to 8 hours after a class by speeding up the body's metabolic rate, and the loss of appetite caused by cardiovascular exercise. Regular exercisers also develop better balance, more restful sleep at night, reduction of stress, improved confidence and higher resistance to infections. "Results show as early as three months after one begins the course, if the programme is followed faithfully", Ms. Buchum, director of the Physical Fitness Centre (PFC) says. The PFC aerobic classes are taught by Terry Piech, a Boston dancer who specialised in aerobics, jazzercise, ballet and modern dance.

Ms. Piech has been teaching aerobics for five years now, although only three months in Jordan. Her class includes 15-30 minutes of cardiovascular aerobic dances with other exercises, during which the pulse is monitored to ensure the heart is working at the proper rate. She thinks aerobics is the quickest way to get and stay in shape for someone who does not have a lot of time. After the classes, Ms. Buchum also gives special exercises with light weights and machines for those interested in strengthening specific areas of the body.

Besides aerobics, the Physical Fitness Centre includes modern dance classes, ballet classes, tai-kwan-do classes for children, sauna and massage, special exercise classes for pregnant women and evening exercise classes for men. Aerobics, however, remains the most popular and most requested of all activities there. The monthly fee for three hours a week is JD 25.

Aerobics is particularly popular among women between the ages of 20 and 40, an age when most youthful sports have been abandoned, but at the same time women begin feeling conscious of

the ageing process and want to do something for their bodies. Also, "when children get older and go to school all day, a woman finds herself at home most of the time and feels the need to move, and to do something positive for herself", Ms. Dosch says. There is, however, no restriction of age, some girls enroll at 15, some women at 50. "I would like to see more teenagers", says Ms. Stalla. "But I have some grandmothers in my classes as well. The age range should be 10-75."

## Jordanian women

Most instructors in these centres are foreigners, but it is foreseeable that Jordanian women will soon catch up and start leading their own classes. Sometimes, however, Jordanian women seem to be less serious about their workouts. "They are more seasonal", Ms. Dosch says. "They come faithfully in winter, but disappear when summer comes. Another problem is gregariousness — they often come in pairs, and if one quits, the other follows her. But I was very impressed with my Jordanian students who continued coming to class and working out during Ramadan. I do not advise fasting and exercise but I certainly admire their determination."

"Other problems related to Jordanian women in particular are dietary ones", Ms. Dosch continues. "They often smoke a lot, and smoking inhibits activity. I advise them to at least wait for a few hours after exercise before smoking, so as not to immediately lose all the benefits of the oxygenating workout. Also, many of them customarily skip breakfast or have just a coffee and/or a piece of toast. You can't put out energy without taking in proper fuel, so I suggest they take a light, but well balanced meal including a protein and carbohydrate source no less than two hours before exercise. I also encourage them to drink water afterwards to replace fluids lost in perspiring."

## Diet

Ms. Dosch often gives dietary suggestions as well if women are concerned with losing weight, such as cutting down on starches and sugar. "I can't tell them, no sugar", she says, "if they are used to having lots of it in tea or coffee or sweets. But if they usually take

five cups of tea per day with two teaspoons of sugar per cup, I suggest they take only one". But Ms. Dosch gives suggestions only upon the students' request. Other centres and instructors also realise that diet and exercise go hand in hand, and proper nutrition is important for maximum performance, so they include dietary tips in their sessions. Ms. Dosch, a very healthy and energetic woman herself, never drinks coffee, tea or alcohol nor uses tobacco and believes these are hindrances when you are trying to improve your health and your heart condition, as well as maintain a youthful appearance, which she, at 40, certainly has.

Ms. Dosch herself, however, knows what it means to be incapacitated and to start from square one in gaining flexibility and strength. Although she started her training as a ballet dancer when she was 4 years of age, 4½ years ago she underwent an operation on both kneecaps due to her strenuous activity, after which she could hardly walk. The doctor told her to stop all her activities, such as tennis, horseriding and ballet, and told her she could never be the same again.

She started, however, an aerobic course, although at first she could only walk with stiff legs.

"Now if students tell me they can't do some exercise, I show them my scars. If I did it, they certainly can", she says.

Most aerobic programmes have a frequency of three times a week, on alternate days, for an hour each. Some monthly fees are, JD 10 at the American School Centre, JD 25 at the French Cultural Centre and JD 15 at the Haya Arts Centre.

## Heart rate

Ms. Dosch dedicates 15 minutes out of the hour to solid cardiovascular workouts although she does not monitor the heart rate. "The following calisthenic exercises", she says, "usually are strenuous enough to keep up the heart rate". Ms. Dosch further emphasises the importance of stretching and maintaining muscle tone.

Ms. Stalla, on the other hand, believes that the cardiovascular or aerobic part of the session is the most important for health benefits and works hard at keeping the participants' heart rates within the desirable range to obtain increase in stamina and heart capacity. She



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monitors their heartbeats during workouts, encouraging them to try a bit harder or to slow down if their heart rates do not reach or exceed the optimal level. The aerobic part of her workouts last 20-30 minutes, which is considered optimal by most heart and fitness specialists.

"Last year's classes at this Centre were only stretching and calisthenics", Ms. Stalla says, "so I really shocked my students in my first lesson. But if they were to drop out, they would have dropped out then, they are still all with me so far and enjoy it."

Ms. Stalla has been in Jordan for four years but went back to the States briefly two years ago where she prepared for teaching aerobics. She started teaching one year ago at the American Embassy Well-being Clinic and at the Amra Hotel. "I am happy to be teaching at the Haya Centre now," she says, "where more students are Jordanian."

Ms. Stalla believes her workouts are the hardest in town, but she encourages students to work out at home. "I teach them two or three times a week", she says, "but I tell them, 'the other days

are up to you. Dance, skip, do something! My programme is modelled after a programme which originated in my hometown, San Francisco, the jazzercise programme by Judy Shephard Mitchell. I studied many different programmes and took the best from each in creating my own. The 20-30 minutes of cardiovascular workout is composed of fun-dances."

## Fun-dances

Fun-dances are also an important element in Ms. Dosch's classes, where she creates original choreographies, following the beat with a sequence of movements which seem so natural they make you forget the effort and the pain. While the first timers may often feel intimidated by her flexibility and grace, Ms. Dosch keeps encouraging everyone to proceed at their own speed, not trying to emulate others. She seldom corrects, unless the students are doing something damaging or harmful to their bodies. "Jordanian women in particular enjoy encouragement but become discouraged if there is too much

emphasis on perfection," she says. Some of her classes are more advanced, with an aerobics workout period of 35 minutes where most of her students have been regulars for a long time.

Is aerobics for everyone? "Of course there are specific conditions in which aerobics should be avoided", Ms. Dosch says, "such as pregnancy if you have never practised aerobics before. But if you were doing it regularly before, with your doctors permission, there is no reason to stop then. I can only suggest that my students see a doctor before commencing a new programme."

Other safety measures during exercise are proceeding slowly, not overdoing, and wearing proper shoes to cushion the impact of the legs and feet against the floor. Most of the problems, however, always occur in people who are out of shape or who have not exercised in years. Exercise is, primarily, a preventative measure and, as Ms. Dosch says, "people who started exercising in their twenties or earlier find it easier to keep in shape in later years and retain an active and healthier lifestyle."

## West German capital is paradise for fungi fans

By Colin Narbrough  
Reuter

BONN — West Germany's modest capital of Bonn bears little comparison with the world's great cities, but it has something few other capitals have — wild mushrooms.

They grow in profusion in the nicest parts of town. Outside the first-class Steigenberger Hotel, just across the street from Chancellor Helmut Kohl's office, handsome shaggy incaps (coprinus commatus), a tasty toadstool that looks like an elongated cultivated mushroom (Agaricus Bisporus), can be found in the flower beds.

The abundance of fungi, the collective name for mushrooms and toadstools, is particularly striking this autumn, both in the city and in the surrounding countryside.

Experts, worried about a decline in recent decades of West Germany's fungal flora, attribute this year's bumper crop to the ex-

ceptionally wet weather since early summer.

Fungi, like trees, may be falling victim in the longer term to the air-borne pollutants in acid rain, scientists say.

But this year, the wild mushrooms have staged a comeback. Rhineland parks and waste ground yield meadow mushrooms (Agaricus Campestris) and waxy blue blewits (Tricholoma Nidum).

Five minutes' drive out of town the choice of edible fungi is almost unlimited to the picker with a trained eye.

While the English-speaking world cautiously stuck to the mushroom family (Agaricaceae), wild and cultivated, Germans and other Europeans were always more adventurous about their fungi.

Outdoor markets and greengrocers across West Germany offer a range that includes a yellow chanterelle (Cantharellus

Cibarius), the bulging, brown penny bun (Boletus Edulis) and the layered oyster mushroom (Pleurotus Ostreatus).

Good restaurants entice gourmets with such costly fungal delights as silver of rare white truffle (Choiromyces Maeandriiformis) and sauces prepared from the cre-nellated morel (Morchella Conica).

Many of West Germany's best mushrooming areas have been seriously damaged by a combination of over-picking, bad forest management and pollution and some authorities are urging picking bans for endangered species.

Mycologist Jan Lelley, head of the Rhineland Mushroom Research Institute at Krefeld, told Reuters his motto is: "Leave the mushrooms in the woods and grow your own at home."

His concern is not so much that people will poison themselves by failing to recognise the few killer species such as the shroud-white

destroying angel (Amanita Vir-osa).

It is simply a question of where the fungi is doing the most good, Mr. Lelley underlines.

Some fungi live in mutually beneficial relationships with trees and Mr. Lelley's team is working on ways of inoculating saplings with fungal spores to restore the natural ecological chain in forests where mushrooms have been depleted.

Mushrooms concentrate some of the toxins in the soil, acting as a protective filter around trees. Many scientists are alarmed over the indirect effects of acid rain on plants unable to cope with heavy metals, such as lead and cadmium, washed out of the ground by rainwater.

Krefeld's experiments in converting woodland fungi into something to be grown in the home involve several species which in the wild grow on tree stumps or dead wood.

## Folk troupe seeks to promote Palestinian cause in West

By Dina Matar  
Reuter

DAMASCUS — A Palestinian group is seeking to promote the Palestinian cause, not with diplomacy or guns but through a blend of old folk songs and modern choreography.

The Damascus-based Al-Ashikin (the lovers) troupe has won praise in the Arab World for its simple presentation of Palestinian history and now hopes to capture the hearts of Western audiences.

Next month, the 28-member troupe will perform in London for the city's Palestine cultural week and in Stockholm on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People at the end of November.

The group's name represents love of Palestine, part of which is now Israel and the rest nei-

ghbouring territory still present occupied by Israeli forces.

Its presentations are a "form of struggle for Palestine" — for a return home and self-determination for millions of Palestinian refugees — said the group's founder, producer and composer, Jerusalem-born Hussein Nazik.

"Our ambition is to make our voice heard in the world to promote our cause," he told Reuters in an interview.

Al-Ashikin started as a folk group singing political and revolutionary songs in 1977 and added dance to its repertoire in 1981.

Only two of the 28 performers have seen the home land for which they are struggling. One was imprisoned for a time in the hilltop camp at Ansar in South Lebanon, where the Israelis detained tho-

usands after their 1982 invasion.

Mr. Nazik graduated from London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in 1966 and composed the songs for a popular Kuwaiti-funded Arab children's television programme, "Ihah Ya Simsim" (open sesame).

"I found that singing and dancing is the best way to get to people's minds and hearts... why use big words if nobody understands?" he asked.

The group performs mainly in large open spaces or football stadiums. "We address ourselves to the masses, the young and the old, not to the cultural elite," he said.

The songs are based on Palestinian history from the times of the British mandate in the 1920s to the invasion of Lebanon in 1982, when the Israelis overran Palestinian guerrilla bases and

forced Palestinian fighters out of Beirut.

The favourite programme among many Arabs, "Al-Qalam Al-Mubah" (what little we are allowed to say), describes the invasion and the Arab World's inability to react.

Mr. Nazik based another presentation, "With My Eyes Only", on the description of life in Israeli prisons made by Felicia Langer, a pro-Palestinian Israeli lawyer.

Two others tell the stories of a Palestinian shepherd during the British mandate and of Ezzedine Al-Qasem, an early revolutionary against the mandate in the 1930s.

The group's latest show, "Zarif Al-Toul" (the handsome man), is an opera about the relationship between the Palestinian fighter and the homeland which he loves and for which he has taken up arms.

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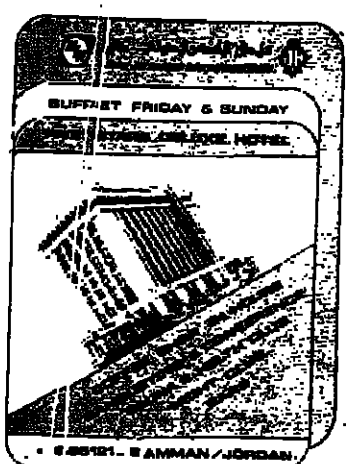
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## Everton tops English league after five-year wait

LONDON (R) — Everton returned to the top of the English soccer first division Saturday after a wait of five years — most of which has been spent enviously eyeing traditional rivals Liverpool occupying the coveted leader's slot.

Goals by Trevor Steven, Kevin Sheedy and Adrian Heath gave Everton a 3-0 home win over Leicester which lifted them on to 26 points, one ahead of Arsenal who went down 4-2 to Manchester United Friday night.

This latest victory completed a memorable eight days for Everton, who have not won the championship since 1970. Last Saturday they crushed Manchester United 5-0 and followed that up 72 hours later when they completed a rare double by winning 3-1 at Old Trafford in a League Cup third round tie.

Equally pleasing to Everton, who have become accustomed to being the butt of the Liverpool fans' unique brand of humour, is the sight of the "old enemy" languishing in mid-table.

Liverpool, who have all but lost any chance of lifting the title for a fourth successive season and for the eighth time in 10 years, followed up their midweek League Cup defeat at Tottenham with an uninspired 1-0 away win against bottom club Stoke.

With none of the other clubs in the leading six managing to take full points, the top of the table is beginning to resemble London's Oxford Street on a busy afternoon.

Arsenal, despite two successive defeats, remain second on 25 points and they are closely followed by Manchester United (23), West Ham and Tottenham (22) and Sheffield Wednesday (21).

Tottenham, who ended Liverpool's four-year domination of the League Cup at White Hart Lane on Wednesday, squandered a glorious chance to jump above Arsenal on goal difference when they lost 3-2 at home to lowly West Bromwich.

Having been installed as firm favourites to win the League Cup, Everton appeared weighed down by their recent successes in the first-half against a Leicester side whose poor league position is scant reward for their exciting style of football.

But after a goalless opening 45 minutes, Everton sank Leicester with a quick-fire double through Steven and Sheedy in the 56th and 59th minutes.

Everton then but the issue beyond doubt 10 minutes from time when the ever-dangerous Heath boosted his claims to be included in England's World Cup plans with a dazzling third created by substitute Andy Gray.

UEFA Cup holders Tottenham continue to be an enigma. After falling behind to a 13th minute penalty by Derek Statham they proceeded to rip West Bromwich apart with some delightful attacking play.

But once Mike Hazard, who was preferred to Glenn Hoddle, equalised before the interval.

## Egypt's Al Ahli basketball team to play in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Egyptian Ahli basketball team will visit Jordan to play matches in a tournament to be held at the Sports Palace on Thursday to mark His Majesty King Hussein's birthday anniversary. The winners of the tournament will receive King Hussein's birthday cup.

The competition is being organised by the Orthodox and Ahli clubs of Amman. The men's matches will group the Ahli and Orthodox clubs from Amman and the Arab Youth Club from Jerusalem and each will play with the visiting team.

The women's matches include Al Ahli and the Orthodox clubs of Amman and Ahli club of Cairo.

The tournament will last four days according to the following timetable:

Thursday Nov. 8: Women's match: Ahli (Jordan) and Ahli (Egypt) to be followed by men's matches between Ahli (Jordan) and Ahli (Egypt) and the Orthodox club with Ahli (Egypt).

Friday Nov. 9: Men's match between the visiting team and the Orthodox club to be followed by a match for women between visiting team and the Orthodox club and afterwards the men's Youth Club of Jerusalem against the Egyptian visitors.

Saturday Nov. 10: Egyptian men's team against the Youth Club to be followed by Al Ahli (Jordan) women team and Egypt's Al Ahli.

Sunday Nov. 11: the finals for both men and women.

## Equestrian delegation returns from Iraq

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Jordanian delegation has returned to Amman from Baghdad after taking part in the meetings of the Arab Equestrian Federation. The delegation leader Mohammad Al Samman said that the meetings were successful and Jordan has pledged to play a leading role in the coming championships which are due to be held in Kuwait in 1985.

Mr. Samman who is secretary general of the Jordanian Equestrian Federation said that Jordan has also accepted an invitation by Sudan to take part in the Arab polo tournament which will be held in Sudan in December.

## Gymnastics federation invites Iraqi team

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian Gymnastics Federation sent a cable to the Iraqi Police Club inquiring about the arrival date of the club's team to Amman to hold gymnastic performances. The federation also sent a cable to the president of the Iraqi gymnastics federation Dr. Saleh Al Obaidi asking him to nominate an efficient coach to supervise the training of the national team. Meanwhile the federation sent letters to its Syrian and Iraqi counterparts to nominate four coaches as trainers at the local training course scheduled to be held here at the end of this month. The federation also asked the Algerian counterpart to provide it with the regulations of the Arab youth championship to be held in Algeria next month. The federation also contacted the Romanian Gymnastics Federation requesting it to fix the date for the training camp of the national team to be held during next summer and also to send two coaches to supervise the training of the national team. March 1 has been fixed by the federation as the date for holding the second spring festival at the Sports Palace.

## American wins British Jockeys Championship

NEWMARKET, England (AP) — Steve Cauthen, the first American to win the British Jockeys Championship for 71 years, collected his trophy Friday from General Sir Cecil Baker, deputy senior steward of the Jockey Club, which runs horseracing in this country.

Cauthen, who arrived in Britain in 1979 hailed as "the Kentucky Kid," won the trophy in his last season under British trainer Barry Hills.

The last American to become British champion Jockey was Danny Maher in 1913.

Cauthen, 24, now plans to from

a championship combination in 1985 as number one to Henry Cecil, who has just clinched his fifth top trainer title.

The American, who has ridden 128 winners this season, succeeds British Racing legend Lester Piggott, who will ride Freelance next year.

"I'm delighted to be champion. I am moving to Newmarket, and my ambitions now are to win the Derby and the Arc and be champion again," Cauthen said at his award ceremony at Newmarket race course.

He said he had planned to go to

California next week to ride Never so Bold at Hollywood Park, but that the Robert Armstrong-trained colt had suffered a set back.

Unless he is offered another ride, he said, he would complete his British season at Doncaster, race track next week.

Cauthen said he then plans to hunt and shoot in England and Ireland before a Christmas trip home to the States.

"After that, I'll be riding in Hong Kong — my first trip there — followed by a stint in Malaysia," he said.

## Budd accused of throwing away British passport like a toy

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — The opposition Labour party's spokesman on home affairs Saturday accused South African-born runner Zola Budd of "throwing away" her British passport "like a toy she has tired of."

Lawmaker Gerald Kaufman, speaking to a meeting in Manchester Town Hall in central England, also said that Home Secretary Leon Brittan "connived in

the Zola Budd stunt with disgraceful alacrity."

Miss Budd announced Thursday that she intended to renounce her British citizenship and remain in her native South Africa.

Thirteen days after her arrival in England in March, Brittan granted British citizenship to Miss Budd to allow her to run in the Los Angeles Olympics for Britain.

Miss Budd finished seventh in

the 3,000-meter race at the Los Angeles Olympics after she collided with American runner Mary Decker, who fell and was injured.

South African citizens are banned from international competition because of their country's system of apartheid or racial segregation.

"She obtained British citizenship even faster than she can run," Kaufman said.

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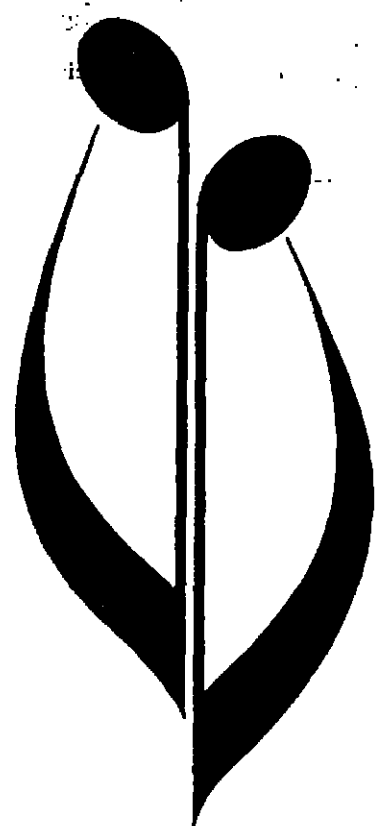
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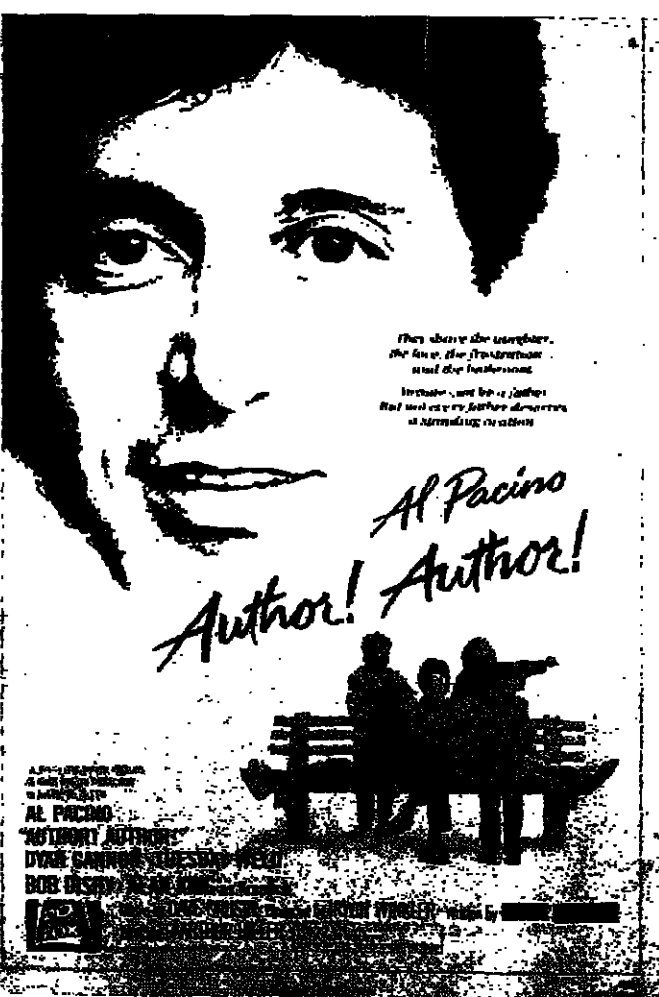
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## China to create new international airlines

PEKING (R) — China's national airline monopoly CAAC will be broken up into separate competing companies, airline director Mr. Shen Tu said Saturday.

He said CAAC will be split into three new companies based in Peking, Shanghai and Canton in the first half of next year.

Air China, based in Peking, will be the main international airline. But Shanghai's China Eastern Airways and China Southern Airways at Canton will eventually become full international carriers.

China Southwestern Airways in Chengdu and the China Capital Helicopter Company will also be established along with several smaller regional airlines, Mr. Shen told a CAAC meeting according to the New China News Agency.

Foreign industry sources said their had been growing pressure from some CAAC centres for autonomy and airports such as Canton had been running virtually independent airlines.

Mr. Shen said CAAC's six existing offices in Peking, Shanghai, Canton, Chengdu, Xian and She-

nyang will remain responsible for air traffic control and flight coordination.

The central CAAC authority will be responsible for civil aviation regulations and safety rules, long-term planning and negotiations with other countries over international routes.

It will also have the authority to approve or revoke air service contracts and will supervise foreign airlines in China.

But the new airline companies in China will be allowed to negotiate and conclude contracts with domestic or foreign firms for buying and leasing planes, Mr. Shen said.

The breakup of CAAC, which has come under heavy fire at home and abroad for inefficiency and poor safety records, was heralded earlier last week when Mr. Shen announced the separation of its freight sector.

The new moves follow last month's call by the Communist Party for China's industries to undergo dramatic reforms aimed at freeing them from stifling centralised control.

## USSR denies fuel embargo on Britain

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union denied Saturday it was applying a fuel embargo against Britain which had been announced by Soviet state television last Monday as a gesture of solidarity with striking British coal miners.

A Soviet foreign trade ministry statement Saturday said allegations of an embargo on coal and oil supplies to Britain had been floated by the press in several Western countries, and it described them as "fabrications". It made no mention of Monday's television announcement.

The Soviet Union "has always honoured and will honour the signed contracts and agreements", the statement said, adding that the reports pursued hostile aims.

A British embassy spokesman in Moscow said he had received confirmation from the foreign office in London that there would be no embargo.

Saturday's official denial followed conflicting reports Friday. A Soviet trade union spokesman in Moscow said the could confirm that his country had blocked all supplies of coal to Britain, but in Bonn a Soviet embassy spokesman said the reports were "fabricated lies".

Meanwhile, Britain's National Coal Board (NCB) Friday ruled out the possibility of further negotiations to end the eight-month-old coal strike after the breakdown of talks last Wednesday.

In a message sent to all Britain's 180,000 miners, the state-run NCB appealed to the majority out on strike, currently 130,000 according to union figures, to return to work.

"The board stress that the package put to the union is the best offered by any employer to any group of workers. They (the board) see no point in anticipating any resumption of talks," the NCB said in the latest edition of the industry's newspaper.

In a separate announcement, the NCB said pitmen who return to work by Nov. 19 could still qualify for a £70 (\$87.5) Christmas wage bonus.

The National Union of Mineworkers' president, Mr. Arthur Scargill, said the offer "smacked of blackmail" and was a measure of the NCB's desperation. Miners' leaders Thursday decided to convene a conference in Sheffield next Monday to consider ways of escalating the strike over pit closures and job cuts.

They also invited opposition Labour Party leader Mr. Neil Kinnock to show his support by addressing rallies planned over the next few weeks.

Fearful for jobs, the union says only unsafe or exhausted pits should close, a demand the NCB says is unrealistic.

The board claims 52,000 miners are now working.

## \$175b federal budget deficit figures high in U.S. presidential elections

WASHINGTON (R) — When Americans vote next Tuesday they will choose not only a president but also a strategy for dealing with a federal budget deficit of \$175 billion this year.

If public opinion polls are right, the electorate will ignore Democratic challenger Mr. Walter Mondale's warning that only higher taxes can save the nation's current economic prosperity from being destroyed by the deficit.

Mr. Mondale has vowed to cut the deficit by two-thirds with a plan that includes \$85 billion in tax rises by 1989.

It appears voters will opt for President Reagan's less painful formula of spending cuts and added revenues generated by economic growth.

But many analysts think Mr. Reagan's plan will fail and say the deficit will eventually produce higher interest rates and renewed inflation.

These problems have been avoided so far largely because of a flood of foreign investment drawn here by the strong dollar.

Experts predict the dollar will eventually fall, badly hurting the economy unless steps have been taken to cut the deficit.

Few economists in the United States think the deficit can be reduced without tax increases.

But Mr. Reagan is an optimist whose past intuitions have sometimes proved more accurate than the experts' forecasts.

"I say with great confidence I'm not going to go for a tax," he said in a debate with Mr. Mondale last month.

Once among the most fervent advocates of a balanced budget, Mr. Reagan now comes surprisingly close to saying deficits do not matter.

He points out that the record deficit has not prevented a brisk expansion in the last two years.

He says economic growth has already cut \$21 billion from the deficit and continued expansion can produce \$400 billion in extra revenues by 1989 without higher taxes.

"He thinks deficits can be cut by growth, or if not, a deficit is better than taxes," said Mr. Charles Schulze, who held top economic

posts in two Democratic administrations.

Mr. Schulze's concerns are widely shared. A top official in Mr. Reagan's own budget office conceded that "the key unanswered question is how seriously the president takes the deficit."

But Mr. Reagan, whose economic policies were once labelled "voodoo" by Vice President George Bush during his own unsuccessful bid for the presidency in 1980, seems intent on ignoring the professional economists.

Mr. Reagan has a history of last-minute compromises and it is possible that he will ultimately accept a package that includes some revenue raising measures so long as they are presented as tax reform rather than tax increases.

Mr. Reagan has waved the banner of tax reform throughout this year's election campaign. But he insists tax reform will not be used as camouflage for a tax increase, so it seems clear the first move to raise taxes will have to come from Congress.

The voters must also choose between two differing approaches to a record U.S. trade deficit. Mr. Reagan has campaigned on a free trade platform.

Mr. Mondale says a surge of imports has cost millions of American jobs and he has embraced a number of protectionist positions including steel import quotas and more government loan subsidies to finance sales of U.S. goods abroad.

"We must let other countries know that, if necessary, we will combat their subsidies until they agree to a much more fair and open system of international trade," he said.

Mr. Mondale also backs a domestic content law requiring a fixed percentage of U.S.-made parts in any car sold here.

Mr. Reagan has rejected quotas on steel and copper imports, vigorously fought domestic content and successfully opposed congressional efforts last month to enact protectionist measures that would have violated international trade rules.

Some critics say Mr. Reagan is a secret protectionist, who pressured Japan into "voluntary" limits on car exports and is seeking similar pacts with the world's steel producers.

But his backers say such accords are preferable to the trade war Mr. Mondale's policies would almost surely bring.

## Thailand devalues baht by 14% against dollar

BANGKOK (R) — The Thai central bank said Friday it had devalued the Thai currency, the baht, by 14.8 per cent and disengaged it from the dollar to help exports.

Its value is now 27 to the dollar instead of 23, and it will float against a basket of currencies from Monday.

Until now the baht has been effectively pegged to the dollar, but Thai exports have suffered with the dollar's sharp rise against other major currencies in the past few months.

Over the last three years the baht has appreciated 35 per cent against sterling, 20 per cent against the West German mark and six per cent against the Japanese yen.

From Monday the Thai unit will float against a basket of major currencies, including the dollar, with the aim of letting it find a more realistic international value, said the bank.

## U.S.-Turk consortium wins \$6.3m Bosphorous tunnel feasibility study

ANKARA (R) — A consortium of five U.S. and Turkish firms has been awarded a contract worth \$6.3 million for feasibility studies including a rail tunnel under the Bosphorous in Istanbul, it was announced Friday.

The ministry of public works and housing said the consortium comprised Parsons Brinckerhoff International Inc., Kaiser Engineers International Inc., U. Tuncata Teknik Servisler Buros, Temel Muhendislik A.S. and Tumas Muhendislik Musavirlik ve Muteahhirlilik A.S.

It said the feasibility studies would cover determination of long-term transport plans for the Istanbul metropolitan area, a railway tunnel under the Bosphorous and an underground railway for the city.

The new link will consist of 9,000 metres of tunnel and additional railway at an estimated cost of \$1 billion, most of which will be covered by U.S. government credits, U.S. officials have said.

### Westinghouse also interested

Meanwhile, the U.S. firm Westinghouse has expressed interest in a proposal from Turkey to both build and manage the country's first nuclear power plant, the daily Hurriyet said Saturday.

Government sources told Reuters earlier interested parties, including front-runners Kraftwerk Union of West Germany and Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., had been invited to produce new financing proposals under which they would build the plant and recoup the cost by selling the power over a guaranteed period.

The amount and price in dollars would be guaranteed, together with agreed compensation should a future government take over the plant, the sources said.

The plan is for a 1,000 megawatt nuclear power plant at Akkuyu on the Mediterranean coast to ease Turkey's current power shortage. The result of the tender has been several times postponed as Turkey sought better terms from contenders in what experts see as a buyer's market.

Lack of funds for the project apparently prompted the government to devise the latest scheme to pay for the project.

Hurriyet said that Westinghouse, faced with a lack of opportunities in the U.S., was seeking new markets abroad with Japanese partners.

## Dollar tumbles as market's mood turns

FRANKFURT (R) — The dollar tumbled to eight-week lows on foreign exchanges Friday as falling interest rates and slowing economic growth in the United States sparked a reversal of market sentiment and unleashed a wave of selling.

The U.S. currency fell three pfennigs in half an hour in early European trading as operators rushed to unload their dollar holdings, built up in September when the dollar reached a high of 3.1765 marks, not seen since free-floating exchange rates were introduced in 1973.

"It was incredibly hectic," said Mr. Ernst Pullman, a foreign exchange dealer at Deutsche Girozentrale-Deutsche Kommerzbank. "There was simply no one willing to buy the dollar."

The dollar recovered from an early low of 2.9250 marks here, but its 2.9497 midday fix was the lowest since Sept. 5 and more than seven pfennigs below Thursday's fixing.

In London, sterling rose to a midsession \$1.2515 from \$1.2345 at Thursday's close.

In Paris, the dollar bounced back slightly from a low of just under nine francs early Friday morning, but its fix of 9.0660 francs was still the lowest for nearly two months.

"There seems to have been a basic change in trend," said a dealer at another major West German bank here.

"The U.S. economy is slowing — it may still be more buoyant than West Germany, but the markets have decided to sell the dollar," he said.

Below here said: "The market has sobered up. So far, currency dealers have always picked out only the positive factors (for the dollar), but now sentiment has turned around."

The drop in U.S. rates has sparked a belief that the Federal Reserve Board, (Fed) the U.S. central bank, is now ready to see interest rates fall as the economy slows, dealers said.

A sharper-than-expected \$2.5 billion drop in U.S. M1 money supply and Treasury Secretary Donald Regan's remarks Thursday that the Fed had more room to ease both fuelled this belief.



## Isuzu opens maintenance centre

AMMAN — Isuzu has opened the largest maintenance workshop for cars in Jordan. At Fa'ouri Trading Company, general agents for Isuzu celebrated the occasion with a ceremony at Al Rajef near the Sahab junction south east of here.

Mr. George Wolf, director of exports at Isuzu Company inaugurated the maintenance centre at the outset of the ceremony, and Al Fa'ouri company's acting director Mr. Azar Jiries Al Wahhab made a speech on the occasion outlining the importance and the advantages of having this centre and the services it offers to the public.

Isuzu's Middle East representative Mr. Andu made another speech voicing the company's appreciation for Mr. Abu Mazen Al Fa'ouri and Mr. Kayez Al Fa'ouri and company workers for their efforts.

The opening ceremony was attended by representatives of Isuzu in Jordan, several officials, leading Jordanian businessmen and guests. Those attending the ceremony later toured the various parts of the maintenance centre and inspected equipment employed in the vehicle-maintenance operations.

**THE BETTER HALF.** By Harris

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I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT, ANDY

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## 8 World news

## 800 reported slain in Indian violence

**NEW DELHI (Agencies)** — More than 800 people, about half of them in New Delhi, have been reported killed and over 2,000 injured in four days of anti-Sikh violence that followed the assassination Wednesday of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

A curfew was in force in more than 80 cities across the country in an effort to quell the bloodshed. A pall of smoke from burning Sikh-owned houses and vehicles hung over New Delhi as Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Mrs. Gandhi's only surviving son, made an emotional nationwide radio appeal for calm.

He said the government would not tolerate further violence which, he said, "is only helping the subversive forces to achieve their ends."

He did not refer directly to the Sikh extremists whose violent campaign for autonomy culminated in Mrs. Gandhi's assassination Wednesday by two men identified by police as Sikh members of her own security guard. "Communal madness will destroy us," Mr. Gandhi said. "It will destroy everything India stands for. As prime minister... I cannot and will not allow this."

In the worst single incident so far, mobs knifed, clubbed and burned to death 94 Sikhs in the capital's suburban slum of Trijokpur Friday.

Eyewitnesses quoted by Reuters said in several parts of New Delhi and the rest of the country groups of Sikhs were under violent siege in their neighbourhoods, with paramilitary forces holding back angry crowds armed with bricks, sticks, and iron bars.

Indian newspaper said about 70 people were killed in attacks on at least five trains.

The Times of India said in one attack involving the Pink City Express from Jaipur to Delhi, 17

Sikhs were dragged out of carriages and beaten to death when the train stopped at Hailey Mandi station in Haryana state near the capital.

The Statesman newspaper said in an attack on the Rajdhani Express, up to 50 people were battered to death with hockey sticks and iron bars when a mob of about 300 swarmed through carriages.

The Statesman said that every train arriving at Delhi Saturday carried dead bodies. Compartment were littered with dead bodies were burned on railway tracks and at station platforms.

Numerous attacks on Sikhs in trains have occurred since Mrs. Gandhi was killed.

Railway authorities, in an effort to curb the bloodshed, stopped all trains heading into the capital Saturday.

Tens of thousands of people walked into the city or crammed into trucks and buses for the funeral of the slain prime minister which was held Saturday.

Some of the marchers told reporters they had come by bus from as far as Nagpur, 600 kilometres to the south to pay their respect to the woman who ruled India for all but three of the last 18 years.

All India Radio said the capital was generally quiet Saturday morning, though Indian newspapers said police and army troops opened fire on rioters Friday in several neighbourhoods and at least a dozen other cities.

Official sources said Saturday night that all security guards at the prime minister's residence had been replaced by paramilitary

troops following Indian newspaper reports that Mrs. Gandhi's murder was part of a deep-seated Sikh conspiracy. Sikh extremists have claimed responsibility for her death.

The Defence Ministry has issued an official denial of newspaper reports that there was a widespread conspiracy to assassinate Mrs. Gandhi and that an unidentified army general had been arrested in connection with the probe.

Police and the government had identified the assailants as Satwant Singh and Beant Singh, two Sikh members of Mrs. Gandhi's guard force.

Beant Singh was shot dead by other guards at the scene, and Satwant Singh was seriously wounded, according to police. Doctors at the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital said Satwant Singh remained in critical condition and had not been questioned in the case.

Attacks on Sikhs continued for the fourth day Saturday.

At the Safdarjung hospital, eight soldiers wielding sub-machine guns brought in a man with six deep stab wounds.

One soldier said they had rescued him from a mob in south Delhi.

"I was attacked even though I chopped off my hair, worn unshorn by Sikhs, and shaved off my beard," Surinder Singh, the victim, told Reuters as nurses tended to his injuries.

New Delhi hospitals, their wards overflowing with casualties, turned fresh victims away Saturday.

Doctors reported that many people from other communities as well as Sikhs were casualties of the orgy of violence.

Police said most of the non-Sikh victims were wounded when besieged Sikhs opened fire with guns they traditionally keep in their homes and temples.



Smoke billows from burning buildings in a New Delhi suburb as armed crowds roam the streets looking for Sikhs, two members of whose community are believed responsible for the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi (AP wire photo)

## British, Czech and East German planes begin Ethiopian relief work

**ADDIS ABABA (AP)** — Transport aircraft of Britain's Royal Air Force (RAF) began arriving in Addis Ababa on Saturday to begin a three-month airlift of food from an Ethiopian port to famine victims in remote areas of this African country.

The RAF planes, the one from Czechoslovakia and another from East Germany, also parked on the tarmac, were among the first to arrive to launch an international airlift of emergency food supplies to save an estimated six million Ethiopians threatened with famine and starvation.

More than 50 planes, from both East and West, are expected to take part in the effort which may be needed for as long as a year, according to Ethiopian officials.

In Washington, the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) announced Friday that the Ethiopian government has agreed to take a number of steps to facilitate Western food shipments.

The agency said Ethiopia will deploy additional trucks to move relief supplies to feeding stations

around the country, and food shipments will be given top priority at Ethiopian ports.

In addition, Ethiopia has pledged to ensure that food is delivered to needy people in all parts of the country, including Eritrea and Tigre provinces, where secessionist wars have been going on for years, the statement said.

The announcement was made after two days of talks involving AID officials and the head of Ethiopia's relief and rehabilitation commission, Dawit Walde Giorgis.

At the same time, AID said the United States will provide an immediate shipment of 50,000 tons of food to Ethiopia valued at \$12 million, bringing to \$60 million the amount earmarked for Ethiopia over the past month.

Mr. Dawit said that the Soviet Union in recent days has delivered 12 airplanes and 24 helicopters to aid in food distribution. Moscow also has said it will send 300 trucks for that purpose.

U.S. Senator Charles H. Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee urged Pre-

sident Ronald Reagan Friday to use his emergency powers to send aid to Ethiopia without waiting for congressional approval.

"Even though the Congress is not in session, I urge you to use all the resources and emergency authorities at your disposal to provide food, transport and related assistance as quickly as possible," Mr. Percy said in a letter to the president.

"The situation is so urgent that Congress, in my judgment, would support these actions," he said.

Mr. Percy told the president that Ethiopia is gripped by "a crisis of unprecedented magnitude" that "deserves an extraordinary response from all of us."

In Paris, the Ministry for Cooperation and Development announced Saturday that France plans to deliver 8,500 tons of grain to Ethiopia.

A statement from the ministry said that the 1,500 tons of grain that the French government announced Monday was being sent urgently was only the first part of the eventual 8,500 tons.

## Former AID official sentenced for plot to kill Fassi

**ALEXANDRIA, Virginia (AP)** — A judge Friday sentenced a former official of the U.S. Agency for International Development to 10 years in prison for plotting to kill a Saudi Arabian sheikh.

U.S. District Court Judge Albert V. Bryan Jr. imposed the prison term on Walter Reed Martindale III, who insisted on his innocence but told the judge he was "willing to accept any sentence you wish to give me."

Mr. Martindale, 41, was convicted earlier this month of passport and firearms violations as part of a plot to assassinate Mohammed Fassi, a member of the Saudi royal family.

He was arrested a year ago after

taking a semi-automatic rifle to London. The U.S. government then launched an investigation that resulted in the indictment that outlined the murder plot to kill Sheikh Fassi.

Paul R. Kramer, Mr. Martindale's lawyer, asked Judge Bryan to impose a sentence of probation and community service among Vietnamese refugees. The defendant had worked for aid in Vietnam before the communists took over Saigon in 1975.

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Justin Williams said Mr. Martindale planned a "cold-blooded and ruthless act" that deserved a substantial prison term.

Mr. Martindale was allowed to remain free on \$25,000 bond pending an appeal that Mr. Kramer said he would file.

The judge technically gave Mr. Martindale a 21-year prison sentence on seven counts but said only 10 years had to be served.

On Oct. 17, Sheikh Fassi wrote Secretary of State George Shultz asking that the investigation into the conspiracy be expanded.

The letter asked that American, Saudi and British officials investigate allegations that a high Saudi official financed the plot and that the State Department intervene on Mr. Martindale's behalf when he was arrested in London.

## Poland grieves for murdered clergyman

**WARSAW (R)** — Some 250,000 Poles paid their last respects Saturday to a murdered pro-Solidarity priest, Father Jerzy Popieluszko, as he was buried at the Warsaw church which he turned into a centre of opposition to communist rule.

Poland's Roman Catholic primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, led the requiem mass for the priest which was attended by the banned trade union's chairman, Lech Walesa, and delegations of workers from across the country.

Thunderous applause broke out when Mr. Walesa told the mourners in a short speech broadcast over loudspeakers: "Solidarity lives because he (Popieluszko) shed his blood for it."

Red-and-white Solidarity banners fluttered above the crowd, which gathered in chill weather at a large square near the church. St. Stanislaw's in the suburb of Zoliborz, and packed side-streets for a radius of a kilometre.

Church sources said the crowd was as big as the attendance at funeral rites in May 1981 for Cardinal Glemp's predecessor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, when 250,000 people were present.

Three security policemen have been charged with kidnapping Father Popieluszko, 37, in northern Poland last month and are expected to be charged with his murder. Two Interior Ministry colonels have also been arrested in connection with the affair.

A funeral cortege including Cardinal Glemp, Mr. Walesa and Father Popieluszko's parents, Wladyslaw and Marianna, circled the church slowly before the priest's brown coffin was lowered into a grave at a forecourt below the balcony.

Cardinal Glemp told the crowd in a sermon: "Let Poles of different social circles meet, not crying over the coffin of the priest-victim, but at the table for talk and dialogue. The church has wanted and encouraged this for a long time."

After the funeral about 10,000 Solidarity supporters marched through Warsaw.

Eyewitnesses said the communist authorities deployed riot police and water cannon but no force was immediately used.

The demonstrators carried Solidarity banners and chanted slogans.

## Honduran general surrenders in Chile

**SANTIAGO (R)** — Honduran General Jose Bueso Rosa, wanted in connection with a plot to overthrow his government, gave himself up to Chilean police Saturday after Paraguay turned down a request for political asylum, the Paraguayan ambassador here said.

Ambassador Fabio Rivas told Reuters that Mr. Bueso had arrived at the embassy with his lawyer Friday morning. Mr. Bueso has served as his country's military attaché in Santiago since a major shake-up in the Honduran armed forces last March.

He was named by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Washington Thursday as part of a plot to kill Honduran President Roberto Suazo Cordova and topple his government.

Mr. Rivas said he had passed on Mr. Bueso's request for asylum in Asunción but that it had been rejected. On being told of Paraguay's decision, Mr. Bueso gave himself up to police waiting outside the embassy.

The president of Chile's supreme court, apparently unaware of developments at the embassy,

meanwhile ordered Mr. Bueso's arrest Friday after the United States and Honduras indicated they would be presenting formal extradition requests.

A Honduran government official said in Tegucigalpa earlier Friday that the general had been dismissed following the FBI's coup allegations and deprived of his diplomatic immunity.

The Associated Press adds from Tegucigalpa: Authorities have increased security and arrested "several suspects" in connection with an alleged drug-financed plot to kill the president and seize control, a military intelligence official said Friday.

"The situation is under control," he said, asking that he not be identified by name. "Our armed units, immigration and the secret police have arrested several suspects, who are being interrogated."

He did not say how many people were arrested or who they were.

The military command is on alert and all customs posts intensified their investigations, he said.

## Sino-Soviet dialogue described as 'useful'

**PEKING (AP)** — China said Saturday that the fifth round of Chinese-Soviet normalisation talks, recently concluded in Peking, was "useful" and that both sides expressed willingness to expand economic, trade, scientific, cultural and other exchanges.

The two-week talks ended Friday and will reconvene in Moscow next April, a Foreign Ministry statement said.

The statement was considered an extraordinary step by the Chinese government, which has issued terse, non-descriptive dispatches on the normalisation talks between the giant Communist neighbours since they began in October 1982.

"The consultations proceeded in a frank, calm and earnest atmosphere," the statement said.

"Both sides considered consultations and dialogues useful and decided that the next round of consultations would be held in April 1985 in Moscow," it said.

He was arrested a year ago after

## Reagan appears heading for lopsided win as Mondale seeks shock upset on Tuesday

By David Nagy  
Reuters

**WASHINGTON** — Americans on Tuesday will choose between President Reagan and Democrat Walter Mondale in an election in which Mr. Reagan seems bound for lopsided triumph on a tide of prosperity, optimism and voter adulation.

Late polls in nearly all 50 states point to a decisive victory for the highly-popular president, at 73 the oldest and one of the most conservative chief executives in U.S. history.

He would be limited by law to one more four-year term in the White House, and aides are calling this "the last hurrah" in a 20-year career as America's foremost right-wing politician.

Mr. Mondale, a 56-year-old liberal trying to rally the old but fading Democratic coalition of trade unions, women, minorities and social reformers, insists that the polls are wrong and that a shocking upset is in the making.

He and running-mate Geraldine Ferraro, the first woman vice-presidential nominee in U.S. major party history, stormed across the land with a final message for big and boisterous rallies of the faithful: "Polls don't vote, people vote."

The waning days of the bitter, two-month campaign provided stark contrasts between a serenely confident White House team of Mr. Reagan and Vice President

George Bush and a pair of scrappy, never-say-die opponents clawing for votes.

Mr. Reagan finished with a burst through 10 states.

Restless and affable, he warned backers from coast-to-coast that their only enemy was overconfidence and that colossal upsets have happened before when people did not bother to vote.

His strategists, however, were talking not of any eked-out win but of the first 50-state sweep in American history.

Control of Congress will also be at stake on Tuesday.

In the Senate, now controlled by Mr. Reagan's Republicans, 33 of the 100 seats will be up for renewal for six-year terms.

Despite chances of a Reagan landslide at the presidential level, most analysts predicted his "coat-tail effect" would be relatively modest and the Democrats might even reduce the current Republican majority of 55-45 by one or two seats.

Few Democratic incumbents seemed in danger while such prominent Republicans as Charles Percy of Illinois, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and rightwinger Jesse Helms of North Carolina were locked in close races.

The lineup remained 6-2 Democratic.

The Republicans were expected to trim the Democrats' house lead of 266-167, with two seats vacant.

Democratic strategists conceded they might lose up to 10 seats.

Mr. Reagan's side hoped to pick up 25 seats or more and revive the conservative coalition that helped him dominate the house despite nominal Democratic control in 1981 and 1982.

'Political realignment'

Outright control of Congress and a "historic political realignment" of America, where the Democrats have been the maj-

ority party for 50 years, seemed beyond Mr. Reagan's grasp, barring a voting-day avalanche of truly historic proportions.

Pollster Louis Harris says 55 per cent of likely voters, including one-quarter of Mr. Reagan's own backers, do not want the Republicans to control both the White House and Congress.

His polls show that some key Democratic groups that seem to be deserting Mr. Mondale for Mr. Reagan in large numbers — women, Catholics, younger voters and trade unionists among them — mean to split their vote and back Democrats for Congress.

They like Mr. Reagan's record of economic recovery, his res-

toration of national pride and his strong leadership image — the top campaign issues — but apparently not enough to hand him complete control of the government.

The Tuesday balloting will also decide 13 of the 50 state governorships, most in small states and none involving a post regarded as a major national power base. The Democrats now lead the Republicans by 35-15 among state governors.

For the White House contest, the pool of registered voters has swollen to an estimated 127 million from 115 million in 1980 as the parties fought an unprecedented, multimillion-dollar duel to enroll potential supporters.

America has a voting-age population of about 174 million, meaning everyone in the country 18 years of age and older.

U.S. presidential elections are state-by-state affairs, with 438 "electoral college" votes distributed among the states mainly on the basis of population. The winner in any state gets all of its electoral votes. A majority of 270 wins.

Quite apart from late nationwide preference polls that show Mr. Reagan leading by margins of from 16 to 24 points, key state polls appear devastatingly bad for Mr. Mondale.

Some tallies showed him leading nowhere but in his home state, Minnesota, with only 10 electoral votes.

He has virtually written off the conservative south, a traditional keystone to Democratic majorities that elected Mr. Carter president and Mr. Mondale vice president in 1976.

Mr. Reagan, who swept the south in 1980, has big leads in 10 southern-area states worth 115 electoral votes.

Another eight western states worth 42 electoral votes belong to westerner Reagan by almost everyone's estimate.

That alone would leave him only 113 shy of 270.

Late polls in big states that are the major electoral prizes seem to leave the president in a good position.

At week's end, he led in California (47 electoral votes) by 16 points: New York (36) by 14; Texas (29) by 15 or more; and so on through apparently solid leads in Pennsylvania (25), Illinois (24), Ohio (23), Michigan (20) and Massachusetts (13).

Campaigning even more furiously than Mr. Reagan, Mr. Mondale maintained jauntily that what he is seeing and sensing among the cheering crowds was a voter rebellion like nothing America has seen since Harry Truman upset Thomas Dewey in 1948.

"This whole Hollywood celluloid structure is beginning to fall away," he shouted at one rally in contemptuous reference to Mr. Reagan's film-world background and polished demeanor. "People are beginning to see reality."

## COLUMN

## 6 commit suicide over Gandhi's death

**NEW DELHI (AP)** — An 18-year-old ice cream vendor hanged himself. A handloom weaver ate poisonous seeds and died. Four men burned themselves to death. All were grief-stricken over the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. They were among seven such suicides deaths reported in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, according to the United News of India. One man reportedly died of shock. In western Rajasthan State an old man at a betel nut shop dropped dead after reading the headlines in a special newspaper edition: "Mrs. Indira Gandhi shot dead."

## 'Baby Fae' doing well

**LOMA LINDA, California (R)** — Three-week-old "Baby Fae" is showing no sign of rejecting her baboon heart after receiving painkillers, a hospital spokeswoman said Friday. "The girl is being given baby food and is acting very normal for a person who has had a heart operation," the spokeswoman said. "She is doing very well." The baby, who has not been identified further because her parents do not want publicity, received the heart of a baboon in a five-hour operation at Loma Linda University hospital a week ago.

## Marvin Gaye's father on probation

**LOS ANGELES (R)** — The 71-year-old ailing father of soul singer Marvin Gaye was Friday placed on probation for five years for killing his son. "I loved my son and wish he could come through the courtroom door," Marvin Gaye — his son added an "e" to his name — said after sentence. "I'll live with this for the rest of my life." The prosecution said that Gaye, a former church minister, had been severely beaten by his 44-year-old son. One of his lawyers, Arnold Gold, said the father had been in fear of his life and the shooting was a classic case of self-defence. Gaye was accused of killing the singer with two gunshot wounds to the chest during what police said was a family argument last April. He could have been sentenced to up to 13 years in prison.

## Arms seized in Manila

**MANILA (R)** — Customs officers have seized 48 handguns, three rifles and about 5,000 rounds of ammunition found in unaccompanied baggage on a flight from Los Angeles, an airport spokesman said Saturday. He also said police were questioning a man who went to the airport to claim the three cartons containing the arms when they arrived on Thursday. The man, identified as Jose Vercelles, told police he arrived last weekend from Los Angeles. He said he had shipped the boxes at the request of his brother but did not know what was in them. Airport sources said a gun-running syndicate might have been involved but the handguns, mostly .25 calibre pistols, were not favoured by criminals or anti-government rebel groups.

## FBI smashes drug ring

**NEWARK, New Jersey (R)** — Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said Friday it had smashed an international drug ring and arrested 46 suspects in drug raids in three states and Canada. FBI agent James Cagnasola said \$500,000 in cash and 10 pounds (4.5 kg) of heroin, which he said was worth \$20 million on the black market, were seized in the raids in New York, New Jersey, Florida and Montreal. The 46 were charged with importing heroin from Nepal and cocaine from Colombia and distributing it in the New York City area. Authorities said the ring also exported heroin to Montreal and then smuggled cash from the sale back into the United States.

## Colombo says 18 youths joined rebels

**COLOMBO (R)** — Sri Lankan police said Saturday they think at least 18 Tamil students missing from their homes for two weeks have joined the separatist movement. Police said the students, including eight girls, were missing from Batticaloa in Sri Lanka's eastern province after rebel activists started lecturing students on the rebel movement.

## GOREN BRIDGE

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## KILL THAT PITCH

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q109  
♥ K84  
♦ 765  
♣ K732

**WEST** EAST  
♠ AK8764 ♠ J3  
♥ 98 ♠ J52  
♦ 98 ♠ KJ43  
♣ 985 ♠ QJ64

**SOUTH**  
♠ 52  
♥ AQ1076  
♦ AQ102  
♣ A10

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass Pass Pass 1♥  
1♦ 2♣ Pass 3♦  
Pass 3NT Pass 4♥  
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦.

The Spring North American Championships in San Antonio, Texas in March marked the start of a year-long trek for Yvan Pageau and Rolande Pageau of Montreal. After playing in the first event of that tournament, they set out in their camper to play 365 games of bridge in the coming year, each in a different town or city in the U.S. or Canada. They are publicizing the 1985 Spring Championships, which will be held in their home town.

Their 365th game will be in the first event of those championships.

The Pageaus received a pleasant sendoff from San Antonio — they won their section of the tournament on the evening preceding their departure. On this hand from the event, Yvan Pageau received a good score for making an overtrick at four hearts.

West was remarkably quiet in the auction, and most cooperative on defense. He led the king of spades and shifted to the nine of diamonds. East's king lost to the ace, and declarer drew trumps in three rounds, ending in hand. He then led a spade toward dummy. Declarer was able to discard his low diamond on the queen of spades and then finesse East for the jack of diamonds to make 11 tricks.

Better defense is for West to continue with ace of spades and another, allowing East to ruff away the queen of spades. But declarer can still come to an overtrick if he guesses the distribution. He cashes the ace and king of trumps, then finessses the ten of diamonds. He gets back to the table with the king of clubs for a second diamond finesse, cashes the ace of diamonds and ruffs his last diamond on the table. Now his hand is high and he can claim the rest of the tricks.